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From left: Michael D. White, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of DirecTV; Randall L. Stephenson, President and Chief Executive Officer of AT&T; Christopher Keyser, President, Writers Guild of America West; Matthew F. Wood, Policy Director, Free Press; Larry Downes, Project Director, Georgetown University, Center for Business and Public Policy; Ross J. Lieberman, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, American Cable Association, are sworn in on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, June 24, 2014, prior to testifying before the Senate Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights subcommittee hearing regarding the merger of AT&T and DirecTV.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

## Congress Tackles Merger of AT&T and DirecTV

**EDWARD WYATT**

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**WASHINGTON** - AT&T has miles of copper wire and fiber-optic lines installed in homes and neighborhoods around the country, a platform with which to provide high-speed Internet service. But it has a paltry offering of video services. DirecTV, in contrast, has a big

satellite television business but no broadband offering. That, according to the companies, is why regulators should approve their \$48.5 billion merger, which would make them a formidable competitor to Comcast, which is trying to buy Time Warner Cable for \$45 billion. On Tuesday, anti-trust panels in the House

and Senate conducted back-to-back hearings to examine the AT&T-DirecTV merger, featuring the chief executives of both companies and an array of public interest groups, cable television rivals and academics. The hearings - the House's in the morning, the Senate's in the afternoon - followed a little more than

two months of similar investigations into the Comcast transaction. If Sprint and T-Mobile announce a rumored but unconfirmed merger this month, a third round of hearings is likely to follow. There was little sign at the House hearing of the animosity that flared up during the Comcast-Time Warner debates. Unlike

those companies, which have two of the lowest customer satisfaction ratings among TV and Internet service companies, AT&T and DirecTV have not stirred the same passions among those who fear the growing power of cable and broadband behemoths.

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## West readies new sanctions on Russia

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The United States and its European allies are finalizing a package of sanctions on Russia's key economic sec-

tions options" that would affect several areas of the Russian economy. A Western diplomat said those options included Russia's energy industry, as well as Moscow's access to world financial markets.

The U.S. and Europe have

known conversation in more than two weeks.

The threat of sector sanctions may be driving Putin to try to avoid penalties that could have a devastating impact on the already shaky Russian economy. However, there



Reporters put their hands up to ask questions of White House press secretary Josh Earnest during the daily briefing in the Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, June 24, 2014. The White House says it is "reserving judgment" on Russian President Vladimir Putin's call for extending a weeklong cease-fire in Ukraine, saying it puts more stock in Russia's actions than its words.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

tors that could be levied as early as this week, though the package might be delayed because of positive signals from Russian President Vladimir Putin, administration officials and others close to the decision-making said Tuesday.

Penalizing large swaths of the Russian economy, including its lucrative energy industry, would ratchet up the West's punishments against Moscow over its threatening moves in Ukraine. The U.S. and Europe have already sanctioned Russian individuals and entities, including some with close ties to Putin, but have so far stayed away from the broader penalties, in part because of concern from European countries that have close economic ties with Russia. But with the crisis in Ukraine stretching on, a senior U.S. official said the U.S. and Europe are moving forward on "common sanc-

been eyeing a European Council meeting in Brussels later this week as an opportunity to announce the coordinated sanctions. However, the enthusiasm for new sanctions, particularly among European leaders, appears to have waned in recent days as countries evaluate whether Putin plans to follow through on a series of promises that could ease the crisis, officials said.

The Russian leader acted Tuesday to rescind a parliamentary resolution authorizing him to use the Russian military in Ukraine. He also urged the new Ukrainian government to extend a weeklong cease-fire and called for talks between Ukraine and pro-Russian rebels that are widely believed to be backed by the Kremlin.

Putin's moves came one day after he talked by phone with President Barack Obama, their first

were no guarantees that Moscow would abide by the West's requests to pull back its troops from the Ukrainian border, stop arming separatists and negotiate seriously with Kiev.

Indeed, there were signs Tuesday of just how fragile the situation on the ground remains. Hours after Putin called for the cease-fire to be extended, pro-Moscow separatists shot down a Ukrainian military helicopter, killing nine servicemen. Vice President Joe Biden spoke to Ukraine's new president, Petro Poroshenko, for the third time in as many days and offered his condolences for the deaths. The White House said Biden also underscored the importance of having monitors in place in Ukraine to verify violations of the cease-fire, as well as the need to stop the supply of weapons and militants from flowing across the Russian border. □

## LATIN AMERICAN BRIEFS

### AP: Former Venezuelan president Ramon Jose Velazquez dead at 97

**Associated Press**

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)** — Former Venezuelan president Ramon Jose Velazquez, known for his role in opposing dictatorship in the South American country, has died. He was 97.

Velasquez assumed the presidency for eight months from 1993 to 1994 after his predecessor was impeached for embezzlement.

He was the last living former president of Venezuela. Opposition politician Henry Ramos Allup announced his death on Tuesday.

Velasquez was born in 1916 in western Venezuela. Before becoming president, he worked as a lawyer, journalist and historian. He was jailed repeatedly in the 1950s under the dictatorship of Marcos Perez Jimenez. One of his arrests was for his contributions to a book detailing the administration's misdeeds.

Velasquez served as the director of the newspaper El Nacional, one of the country's largest and most prestigious dailies. On Tuesday, the current editor of the El Nacional, Miguel Otero, called Velasquez "a great thinker and politician of the 20th century."

Velasquez became a politician after the country transitioned to democracy. He spent time in Congress and served in various presidential administrations before being appointed president at 76 years old.

He had four children. □

### Uruguay's first marijuana growing club is seeking official recognition

**L. HABERKORN**

**Associated Press**

**MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP)** — A group has taken steps to become the first officially recognized marijuana-growing club in Uruguay, where lawmakers have made their country the world's first national marketplace for legal pot.

The Association of Cannabis Studies of Uruguay began the process by registering with the Education and Culture Ministry, Drug Control Chief Julio Calzada said Tuesday.

The club will have 40 members and will be headed by Laura Blanco. She told the Uruguayan newspaper El Pais that members will pay \$300 each to join, and a monthly fee of up to \$65. Some of the members will use the marijuana to treat medical conditions.

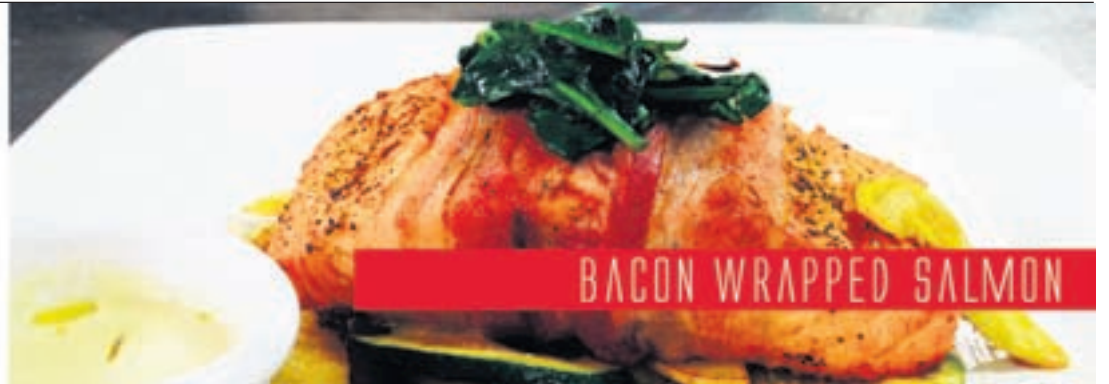
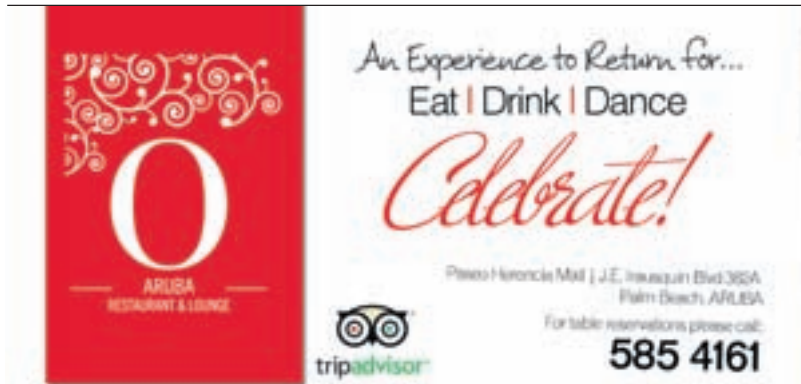
Lawmakers in December approved Uruguay's experiment with marijuana, giving the government the power to oversee production, sales and consumption of a drug illegal almost everywhere else.

Joining a growing club is one of three legal ways to obtain pot under the law.

Licensed buyers will be able to purchase up to 10 grams a week or 40 grams a month from a network of pharmacies that is expected to be functioning by late 2014 or early 2015.

Uruguayan citizens and legal residents 18 or older can also register to obtain licenses giving them the right to cultivate up to six marijuana plants per household and harvest 480 grams a year, or join a marijuana-growing club with between 15 and 45 members and no more than 99 plants. □





## US faults pilot 'mismanagement' in Asiana flight

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Asiana Flight 214's pilots caused the crash last year of their airliner carrying more than 300 people by bungling a landing approach in San Francisco, including inadvertently deactivating the plane's key control for airspeed, the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board concluded Tuesday.

But the board also said the complexity of the Boeing 777's autothrottle and auto flight director — two of the plane's key systems for controlling flight — contributed to the accident. Materials provided to airlines by Boeing that fail to make clear under what conditions the autothrottle doesn't automatically maintain speed were also faulted.

The 777 has been in service 18 years and is one of the world's most popular wide-bodied airliners, especially for international travel. Until last year's accident, it had not been involved in a single fatal crash.

The board's acting chairman, Chris Hart, warned that the accident underscores a problem that has long troubled aviation regulators around the globe — that increasingly complicated automated aircraft controls designed to improve safety are also creating new opportunities for error.

The Asiana flight crew "over-relied on automated systems that they did not fully understand," Hart said. "In their efforts to compensate for the unreliability of human performance, the designers of automated control systems have unwittingly created oppor-

tunities for new error types that can be even more serious than those they were seeking to avoid," he said. The South Korea-based airline's pilot training also was faulted.

Of the 307 people on board

been used successfully for over 200 million flight hours across several airplane models, and for more than 55 million safe landings," the company said in a statement. "The evidence collected during this inves-

porters.

But most of the fault lies with Asiana and its pilots, Akbari said.

Investigators said the flight's three veteran pilots made 20 to 30 different errors, some minor and oth-

after the plane had unexpectedly climbed too high. He assumed the throttle would automatically resume controlling speed, as it is designed to do under most circumstances. But because he turned off the



**Acting National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Chairman Christopher Hart questions investigators during an NTSB hearing to establish the cause of the Asiana Flight 214 airlines crash in San Francisco, Tuesday, June 24, 2014, in Washington. Increasingly complex automated aircraft controls designed to improve safety are instead creating new opportunities for error, the head of the National Safety Board said Tuesday at a hearing on the crash last year of Asiana Flight 214 in San Francisco.**

(AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)

Flight 214, three Chinese teens were killed in the July 6, 2013 crash. Nearly 200 were injured, including 49 seriously. It remains the only fatal passenger airline crash in the U.S. in the past five years.

Asiana Airlines said it has already implemented the NTSB's training recommendations, and that it agreed with the NTSB's finding that one factor was the complexity of the autothrottle and autopilot systems, as well as their descriptions in Boeing training manuals. Boeing immediately rejected the notion that the 777's automated systems contributed to the accident, pointing to the aircraft's safety record.

"The auto-flight system has

tigation demonstrates that all of the airplane's systems performed as designed."

The board, which made 27 recommendations to prevent future disasters, didn't say that the autothrottle failed to perform as designed.

But rather that its design, under certain circumstances, could lead to confusion as to whether it was controlling speed or in an inactive state.

The safety board "did the right thing," said Ilyas Akbari, a Los Angeles attorney representing 16 of Flight 214's passengers. "It took courage to call out Boeing because it's an American manufacturer" and one of the nation's largest employers and ex-

ers significant, during the landing approach on July 6, 2013.

Among the errors were that pilots didn't follow company procedures when they failed to call out notifications about the plane's altitude, speed and actions they were taking during the landing approach. They also weren't closely monitoring the plane's airspeed — a fundamental of flying. Instead, they assumed the autothrottle was maintaining the required speed for a safe landing.

But the captain flying the plane, Lee Kang Kuk, 45, who was new to the 777, inadvertently prevented the autothrottle from controlling the plane's speed. Kuk put the throttle in idle

autopilot at the same time, the autothrottle remained on hold in at the last selected speed, which was idle. A training captain who was sitting next to Kuk in the right seat didn't notice the error, and then compounded it by turning off only one of two other key systems for managing the flight. Both systems are supposed to be on or off, but not one on and one off.

A third pilot riding in the jump seat noticed the plane was descending too fast but didn't speak up right away. The pilots also didn't immediately start to abort the landing when they realized something had gone awry. But by the time they did call for a "go-around" it was too late. □



# Congress tackles merger of AT&T and DirecTV



AT&T President and Chief Executive Officer Randall L. Stephenson, right, and DirecTV Chairman & Chief Executive Officer Michael D. White, testify on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, June 24, 2014, before the Senate Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights subcommittee hearing titled: "The Impact on Competition and Consumers in the Video Market and Beyond."  
(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

**Continued from front**

The ranking Democrat on the House antitrust subcommittee, Rep. Hank Johnson of Georgia, for example, said in his opening statement that there was "ample evidence" that the merger would create "considerable public interest benefits." He then suggested that AT&T should wire his district with its superfast fiber-optic broadband service.

The chairman of the antitrust subcommittee, Rep. Spencer Bachus, R-Ala., said that consolidation in the telecommunications industry raised "issues of market power and the abuse of dominant competitive positions." But Bachus was also quick to list the efforts AT&T has made for low-income families, like reducing high school dropout rates.

The companies did face opposition from some witnesses.

"This proposed deal fails the antitrust test, it fails the public interest test, and it raises many concerns," said John Bergmayer, a senior staff lawyer at Public Knowledge, which advocates an open Internet.

"AT&T and DirecTV directly compete in more than 60 local TV markets," Bergmayer said. "It's hard to accept AT&T's claims that buying a direct rival can be good for competition."

AT&T also spoke of how its planned merger would greatly expand the number of its customers who could get high-speed Internet service, noting that it had agreed to abide by the Federal Communications Commission's 2010 Open Internet policy.

But Bergmayer pointed out that most of the broadband expansion AT&T has planned uses wireless technology, and wireless broadband generally is exempt from most of those earlier FCC net neutrality policies.

In a filing with the FCC, AT&T and DirecTV said they could do what few if anyone in the telecommunications business had been able to do before - that is,

get cable companies to lower prices.

"Economic theory predicts that this transaction will put strong downward pressure on prices," the companies said, particularly in the bundles of cable, broadband and telephone services that are popular with consumers. But they declined to commit to lowering prices themselves.

"The combined AT&T and DirecTV will be able to offer new and better service bundles, creating a stronger competitor to the cable bundle," the companies said in the filing. "The savings and synergies made possible by this transaction will fundamentally and permanently increase the incentives of the combined company to expand and enhance its broadband networks."

A union representing television writers testified at the Senate hearing Tuesday afternoon that the merger would negatively affect programming by cutting the amount of money available to producers of content. "It is a stated goal of the merger to reduce affiliate fees," Christopher Keyser, president of the Writers Guild of America, West, said in his written testimony, referring to the portion of a consumer's monthly cable payment that goes back to the programmer.

"It is those fees that have fueled the recent boom in creative programming - particularly on cable," Keyser said. "Reduce those fees through the outsized power of monopoly - and the result is less creativity, less product, less innovation." AT&T has already offered up some concessions in the hope of winning a regulatory green light for its deal, which is subject to approval of both the Justice Department's Antitrust Division and the FCC.

The company said it would adhere to the FCC's Open Internet, or net neutrality, rules for three years after the closing of the merger, even though those rules were struck down by a federal appeals court early this year. □



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## Archivist:

# IRS did not follow law after loss of official's emails



In a two-photo combination: Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.), chair of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, right, while questioning Jennifer O'Connor of the White House Counsel, left, during a hearing of the committee on Capitol Hill, in Washington, June 24, 2014. The hearing is one of several this week investigating the disappearance of emails of the previous commissioner, who was dismissed in the wake of the scandal over whether workers had unfairly singled out conservative groups.

(Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

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**WASHINGTON** - The Internal Revenue Service did not follow the law when it failed to report a hard drive crash that destroyed emails belonging to a senior official at the center of a scandal over the agency's treatment of conservative-leaning political groups, the nation's top archivist said Tuesday.

"In accordance with the Federal Records Act, when an agency becomes aware of an incident of unauthorized destruction, they must report the incident to us," said David S. Ferriero, the chief archivist at the National Archives. Ferriero made his remarks at a congressional hearing examining the 2011 disappearance of emails sent and received by Lois Lerner, the former IRS official who is accused of politically motivated mistreatment of Tea Party-aligned groups seeking tax exemptions.

Ferriero would not say that anyone at the IRS committed a crime, only that the agency "did not follow the law." He said he learned of the missing emails on June 13, when the agency made the disclosure in a filing to Congress.

Republicans were incensed by the disclosure because it came more

than a year after the start of investigations into the agency's conduct. In hearings of separate congressional committees Friday and Monday, House Republicans said the delay was evidence of obstruction, and several accused the IRS commissioner, John Koskinen, of deceit. Ferriero appeared voluntarily before the House Oversight Committee on Tuesday to address whether the IRS followed proper record-keeping procedures. His conclusion was that the agency had not in the instance of the crashed hard drive.

"Federal agencies are responsible for preventing the unauthorized disposition of federal records, including their unlawful or accidental destruction, deletion, alteration or removal from federal custody," he said. Throughout the IRS hearings, Democratic lawmakers on the Oversight Committee and the Ways and Means Committee have complained about Republicans' "badgering" of witnesses.

Responding to such criticism, Speaker John A. Boehner told reporters Tuesday, "Frankly, they should be treated with respect." But he added that the Obama administration had not "done a damn

thing to help us get to the truth of what really happened."

The tension that has characterized the more than a dozen IRS hearings in the Republican-led House over the last year was on display Tuesday just seconds into the questioning of Jennifer O'Connor, a White House lawyer and former IRS official who supervised much of the agency's document collection for the congressional investigations. O'Connor was issued a subpoena to appear.

After asking her to confirm that she had started working at the IRS in May 2013 and receiving an affirmative answer, Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., the committee's chairman. □

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## Bill Clinton defends wife's commitment to poor

**KEN THOMAS**

**Associated Press**

**DENVER (AP)** — Bill Clinton defended Hillary Rodham Clinton's commitment to poor and working Americans on Tuesday, saying his family's post-presidential wealth had not prevented the former secretary of state from understanding people's economic problems.

"She's not out of touch," the former president declared at his family's annual domestic policy summit. Bill Clinton noted that in law school, his future wife sought legal assistance for the poor and advocated for paid leave for new mothers during the 1970s.

The former first lady, who is considering a 2016 presidential campaign, told ABC News earlier this month that her family was faced with legal bills and "dead broke" when they left the White House in early 2001.

Republicans have pointed to the millions of dollars the family has earned since Bill Clinton left the presidency and suggested his wife was out of touch with the daily demands of most working Americans.

Working-class families

have been supportive of the Clinton family's political campaigns in the past. If she runs for president, Republicans say Hillary Clinton could be vulnerable to

during an interview with NBC News' David Gregory at the Clinton Global Initiative America meeting that his family's personal wealth was the "wrong debate"

deal," he said.

His comments came on the opening day of the annual Clinton summit, which was focusing on economic issues like youth employ-



Former President Bill Clinton listens during a session of the annual gathering of the Clinton Global Initiative America, at the Sheraton Downtown, in Denver, Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

(AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)

charges of being a Washington insider insulated by private jets and high speaking fees at a time when many Americans struggle.

The tactic could represent a payback of sorts after Democrats portrayed Republican Mitt Romney as rich and out of touch during his losing 2012 presidential campaign.

The former president said

and the focus should be on how political leaders address "the central challenge of our time, which is the demise of the American dream."

With the gap between the rich and poor on the minds of many Americans, Bill Clinton said most Americans do not resent someone doing well financially. "I think they resent it if they're not getting a fair

ment and child literacy.

Hillary Clinton did not address the debate over the family's wealth at the meeting but announced projects to create job opportunities for young people.

"For those who don't get a college education or even high school, most doors just won't open, no matter how hard they knock," the former first lady said. □

## Study:

## Recession and recovery widen US wealth gap

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**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Great Recession and the slow recovery have sharply widened the gap between the wealthiest Americans and everyone else, according to a study that underscores the unevenness of wealth gains since the recession ended.

The richest 5 percent had 24 times the wealth of the median household in 2013 — up substantially from 16.5 times as much in 2007, according to a study by University of Michigan researchers.

Substantial gains in the stock market have enabled richer Americans to regain much of their wealth. Stock prices had plunged by nearly half during the recession but have recovered all their losses and set new highs. And roughly 10 percent of households own 80 percent of stocks.

By contrast, middle-class Americans remain further behind because whatever wealth they have is derived mainly from home equity. Home prices have only partially recovered from the housing bust. In the first quarter of this year, 18.8 percent of homeowners with a mortgage still owed more on their homes than they were worth, according to real estate data provider Zillow. An additional 18.1 percent have so little equity that it wouldn't be enough to cover closing costs and make a down payment, Zillow calculates. Fewer Americans even own homes: The home ownership rate fell to 64.8 percent in the first quarter of this year from a peak of 69.2 percent in 2004. □

## US judge rules no-fly list unconstitutional

**NIGEL DUARA**

**Associated Press**

**PORTLAND, Oregon (AP)** — The U.S. government deprived 13 people on its no-fly list of their constitutional right to travel and gave them no adequate way to challenge their placement on the list, a federal judge said Tuesday in the nation's first ruling that finds the no-fly list challenge procedures unconstitutional. The U.S. District judge's de-

cision says the procedures lack a meaningful mechanism for people to challenge their placement on the list.

Thirteen people challenged their placement on the list in 2010, including four military veterans.

The judge said placement on the no-fly list turns routine travel into an "odyssey," and some on the list have been subjected to detention and interroga-

tion by foreign authorities. The judge did not create a new procedure for those on the list to challenge their placement, instead saying the Department of Homeland Security needs to find a way to disclose to those on the list the unclassified information used to place them there.

Since much of what is used for placement is classified, the judge said the government should pro-

vide people on the list the nature and extent of the classified information, the type of threat they pose to national security and the ways they can respond to the charges.

The process "does not provide a meaningful mechanism for travelers who have been denied boarding to correct erroneous information in the government's terrorism databases," Brown ruled. □



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## US Financial Front:

# Is a college degree still worth it? Study says yes



A student walks past Old Main on the campus of Penn State University in State College, Pa. A report released by The Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, found that a degree is still a good investment for college grads, including those whose jobs don't require college. (AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

**JOSEPH PISANI**  
AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Some comforting news for recent college graduates facing a tough job market and years of student loan payments: That college degree is still worth it.

Those with bachelor's or associate's degrees earn more money over their lifetime than those who skip college, even after factoring in the cost of higher education, according to a report released Tuesday by The Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The study, by economists Jaison R. Abel and Richard Deitz, also found that a degree is still a good investment for college grads whose jobs don't require college. About a third of all college graduates remain underemployed for most of their careers.

A person with a bachelor's degree can expect to earn about \$1.2 million more, from ages 22 to 64, than someone with just a high school diploma, the report

said. And someone with an associate's degree will bring in \$325,000 more than

someone with a high school education. The study used data from the U.S. Census

Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Rising tuition costs, surging student debt levels and an increase in unemployment rates among new grads since the recession have caused some to question the value of higher education. The New York Fed study is just the latest to say that a degree is a good investment. A Pew Research Center report from earlier this year said young adults with college degrees make more money, have lower rates of unemployment and are less likely to be living in poverty than those with just a high school education.

The New York Fed report said that between 1970 and 2013, those with a four-year bachelor's degree earned an average of about \$64,500 per year, while those with a two-year associate's degree earned

about \$50,000 per year and those with only a high school diploma earned \$41,000 per year.

After subtracting tax benefits and average financial aid awards, the researchers said a bachelor's degree cost about \$122,000 in 2013, while an associate's degree cost \$43,700. Those numbers take into account that students held off earning money from a job to go to school. The study used data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Education Department and The College Board.

Even college graduates stuck in jobs that don't typically require higher education, such as coffee shop baristas or clothing store cashiers, have more earnings power than those with just a high school diploma, the report concluded. □

## America's new home sales rocket higher in May

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AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Sales of new U.S. homes rose in May to the highest level in six years, providing the strongest signal yet that housing is recovering from a recent slowdown. New home sales jumped 18.6 percent last month following a 3.7 percent increase in April, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday. The gains followed declines in February and March that were blamed in part on harsh winter weather.

The big May increase pushed the seasonally adjusted annual sales rate to 504,000, the highest level since May 2008.

"This is the strongest level since the end of the recession and is an encouraging sign that housing activity

improved in the second quarter," Cooper Howes, an economist at Barclays Research, said in an analyst note.

Home sales peaked last year at an annual rate of 459,000 in June, but then lost altitude. The decline reflected an increase in mortgage rates that occurred after the Federal Reserve began discussing pulling back on its monthly bond purchases that were keeping long-term interest rates low. The inventory of unsold new homes was unchanged at 189,000 homes at the end of May, the same as April. That inventory level would be depleted in 4.5 months at the May sales pace, an extremely low level that underscored the fact that the supply of new homes remains well below historic

averages.

Sales were up in all regions of the country in May, led by a 54.5 percent surge in sales in the Northeast. New home sales rose 34 percent in the West and 14.2 percent in the South. The Midwest had the smallest month-over-month sales gain of just 1.4 percent. Even with the big overall gain, sales of new homes are still running at just about half the pace of a healthy real estate market. But there have been some encouraging signs of a spring rebound in housing. The National Association of Realtors reported Monday that sales of previously owned homes jumped 4.9 percent in May, the biggest one-month gain in nearly three years. That increase pushed the sales rate to 4.89 million homes,

the strongest showing since last October.

While economists were encouraged by the second straight monthly gain in existing home sales, they noted that the sales rate is still below the recent peak of 5.38 million sales hit last July. Higher mortgage rates and the bad weather weighed on sales of both existing and new homes in late 2013 and early 2014. But sales seem to be staging a rebound, helped by solid job growth and growing inventories of homes for sale, a development that has helped to hold down price increases.

Economists say there is significant pent-up demand for homes as many potential buyers put off purchases over the past few years because of concerns about the economy. □



## The No Fear Market:

# Who put sleeping pills into Wall Street's water?

**BERNARD CONDON**

**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Is the lack of fear on Wall Street something to fear?

Sunni extremists are inching closer to Baghdad. A housing bubble in China is deflating. Russia is massing troops near the Ukrainian border again. Military forces in Egypt and Thailand have staged coups.

In a world suddenly more dangerous, you'd think fund managers and traders would be selling and buying and selling again in a frenzy of second-guessing. Instead, they're the picture of calm and contentment.

People are trading 38 percent less each day than they did four years ago. Prices of bonds and stocks are barely moving day by day. For 46 days in a row the Standard and Poor's 500 index has risen or fallen by less than 1 percent, a state of serenity unmatched since 1995. Then, last Wednesday, Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen told investors the U.S. eco-

nomie recovery was on track, and things got really dull. A gauge of expected swings in stock prices, known as the "fear index" among traders, sunk to lows not seen since 2007, when stocks began a 2 1/2 year plunge.

Which helps explain why the calm may not last: The lack of fear is spooking some people.

"It's quiet out there," says Robert Buckland, chief global stock strategist at Citigroup. "Eerily quiet."

As with weather, the theory goes, so with markets: Calm often precedes storms. Investors get cocky, take on too much risk, and prices of stocks and bonds collapse. Most professional investors, strategists and economists don't appear worried that the lack of worry is leading to reckless bets, not yet anyway. Yellen, for one, says there's little evidence of trouble brewing. But a few dissenting voices see trouble aplenty.

Investors are borrowing money more than ever to buy stocks. Sales of "junk"

bonds from the riskiest companies are at a record. Some investors are so heedless now that they're willing to accept rock-bottom interest payments to lend to risky countries. Spain, struggling to collect

to the streets over high transportation costs and expenses for hosting the World Cup.

The Citigroup report suggests this new "vox populi risk" isn't going away soon and asks, Why so little reac-

down dramatically. That is what happened last summer, when owners of municipal bonds found few buyers during a bout of selling. Panic mounted and prices plunged.

Other areas of the \$100



**Trader James Doherty center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. In a world suddenly more dangerous, you'd think fund managers and traders would be selling and buying and selling again in a frenzy of second guessing. Instead, they're the picture of calm and contentment. The lack of fear is spooking some people.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

taxes from a population facing 26 percent unemployment, is paying just 1.3 percent to borrow money for five years, less than the U.S. pays.

Says Michael Lewitt, founder of the Credit Strategist Group, an investment manager: "No one is afraid of anything."

The list of things to shrug off over the past three years is lengthy: two dozen government collapses, surprise military moves and mass demonstrations.

That tally comes from a recent Citigroup report that, predictably, created few waves. Titled "Taking It To The Streets," it attributes much of the political turmoil lately to a combustible mix of angry middle classes and the ease with which they can organize using the Internet and social media.

In Italy, "Pitchfork Protests" broke out over political corruption and unemployment in December as demonstrators blocked roads and occasionally clashed with police. In Brazil, people have taken

tion from investors?

David Levy, chairman of the Jerome Levy Forecasting Center, blames "fear fatigue." Investors have faced down lots of trouble over the years, from a European debt crisis to a pair of near defaults by the U.S. government. None of these things have kept stocks down for long.

"It's hard to be scared all the time," Levy says. But, he adds, "The more sectarian violence, the more countries fighting civil wars, the greater the potential for something going wrong." Another reason for calm is central banks. From Tokyo to Washington and London, they've kept short-term borrowing rates they control low and bought trillions of dollars worth of bonds to push down long-term rates, too. Many investors are convinced little can upset markets as long as central banks are willing to pump money into the financial system.

The problem is, panic can spread fast at times when there is little trading. A few big sales can push prices

trillion global bond market are vulnerable, too. Some investors have been fretting for years that bonds are due to drop after a three-decade bull run. With the low levels of trading in some corporate and government bonds, the fear now is a single big move could push them over the edge.

Japanese government bonds may be especially fragile. Credit Strategist's Lewitt notes that some 70 percent of these bonds are bought by the country's central bank upon issuance now, then held to maturity instead of re-sold on the market.

The lack of supply means that the first trade in Japanese bonds some days doesn't occur until the afternoon, which is stunning considering that Japan's government debt market is the second-largest in the world. Lewitt fears that prices could suddenly drop in that thinly traded market, walloping investors with losses, spreading fear and setting off selling and losses elsewhere. □



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Kurdish security forces take their positions at a checkpoint, on a highway between the Iraqi city of Mosul and the Kurdish city of Irbil, in Khazer area northern Iraq, Tuesday June 24, 2014. The president of Iraq's ethnic Kurdish region declared Tuesday that "we are facing a new reality and a new Iraq" as the country considers new leadership for its Shiite-led government as an immediate step to curb a Sunni insurgent rampage.

(AP Photo/Hussein Malla)

## Iraqi Prime Minister al-Maliki's focus is on defending Baghdad

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**Associated Press**  
**BAGHDAD (AP)** — Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is ready to concede, at least temporarily, the loss of much of Iraq to Sunni insurgents and is instead deploying the military's best-trained and equipped troops to defend Baghdad, Iraqi officials told The Associated Press Tuesday. Shiite militias responding to a call to arms by Iraq's top cleric are also focused on protecting the capital and Shiite shrines, while Kurdish fighters have grabbed a long-coveted oil-rich city outside their self-ruled territory, ostensibly to defend it from the al-Qaida break-away group. With Iraq's bitterly divided sects focused on self-interests, the situation on the ground is increasingly looking like the fractured state the Americans have hoped to avoid. "We are facing a new reality and a new Iraq," the top Kurdish leader, Massoud Barzani, told U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Tuesday in Irbil, capital of the self-ruled Kurdish region in northern Iraq.

Two weeks after a series of disastrous battlefield setbacks in the north and west, al-Maliki is struggling to devise an effective strategy to repel the relentless advances by militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and

the Levant, a well-trained and mobile force thought to have some 10,000 fighters inside Iraq. The response by government forces has so far been far short of a counteroffensive, restricted mostly to areas where Shiites are in danger of falling prey to the Sunni extremists or around a major Shiite shrine north of Baghdad. These weaknesses were highlighted when the government tried but failed to retake Tal Afar, a mixed Shiite-Sunni city of some 200,000 that sits strategically near the Syrian border. The government claimed it had retaken parts of the city but the area remains under the control of the militants after a battle in which some 30 volunteers and troops were killed. Government forces backed by helicopter gunships have also fought for a week to defend Iraq's largest oil refinery in Beiji, north of Baghdad, where a top military official said Tuesday that Sunni militants were regrouping for another push to capture the sprawling facility. In the face of militant advances that have virtually erased Iraq's western border with Syria and captured territory on the frontier with Jordan, al-Maliki's focus has been the defense of Baghdad, a majority Shiite city of 7 million fraught with growing tension. □

## Ukraine: Cease-fire jeopardized by deadly attack

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**Associated Press**

**MOSCOW (AP)** — The shaky cease-fire in Ukraine was thrown into peril Tuesday when pro-Moscow separatists shot down a Ukrainian military helicopter, killing nine servicemen. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko warned he may end the weeklong

violated again Tuesday when rebels used a shoulder-fired missile to down a helicopter in Slovyansk, a key flashpoint in the insurgency. Poroshenko said in a statement that the insurgents had fired on Ukrainian positions 35 times since the cease-fire was announced, and he instructed Ukrainian soldiers to fire

acting on their own. During a trip Tuesday to Vienna, Putin employed a combination of pressure and goodwill intended to protect Moscow's interests without triggering heavier Western sanctions, which are likely to be a topic of discussion during a European Union summit on Friday. Putin said that the Ukrai-



Ukrainian army soldiers check a car at a check-point near a city of Slovyansk, Donetsk region, eastern Ukraine Tuesday, June 24, 2014. The weeklong cease-fire declared by the Ukrainian president should be extended and accompanied by talks between the government and the rebels, Russian President Vladimir Putin said Tuesday.

(AP Photo/Mstyslav Chernov)

truce ahead of time. The deadly attack came a day after the rebels vowed to respect the cease-fire, which began last Friday. Russian President Vladimir Putin, meanwhile, played the peacemaker, urging Ukraine to extend the truce and sit down for talks with the rebels. He also moved to rescind a parliamentary resolution authorizing him to use the Russian military in Ukraine. Poroshenko declared the cease-fire as part of a plan to end two months of fighting between government troops and pro-Russian insurgents in the east. The violence, which erupted after the Kremlin's lightning annexation of Crimea in March, has left hundreds dead. The cease-fire has been repeatedly broken by sporadic clashes, and it was

back "without hesitation" if attacked. "The president doesn't exclude that the cease-fire could be lifted ahead of time, taking into account its constant violation by the rebels controlled from abroad," Poroshenko's office said. It added that Poroshenko expects that his phone call, set for Wednesday, with Putin, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande would lead to "practical steps by Russia to disarm and recall mercenaries from Ukraine and ensure the reliable protection of the border." The U.S. and NATO have accused Russia of supporting the rebellion in the east with troops and weapons. Moscow has denied that, saying Russian citizens who joined the insurgents were

nian demand that the insurgents lay down their weapons within a week was unrealistic, explaining that they would be reluctant to disarm for fear of government reprisals. He called for a longer truce to be accompanied by peace talks, arguing that they should lead to constitutional amendments and other legal changes that would protect the rights of Russian-speakers in the east. "We hope that the cease-fire will be extended and it will be used for substantive talks," Putin said. Speaking shortly after the helicopter was shot down, Putin blamed Ukrainian forces for breaking the cease-fire on Tuesday by launching an airborne raid in Slovyansk. He did not mention the downing of the helicopter. □



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Kenyan Wildlife Rangers stand near the carcass of an elephant, in Tsavo East, Kenya. Environmental crime such as the poaching of elephants for ivory and the selling of illegal charcoal is helping to finance criminal, militia and terrorists groups, a report from the United Nations Environment Program released Tuesday, June 24, 2014 said. (AP Photo/Khalil Senosi)

**UN:**

## Ivory, charcoal fund terror groups

**JASON STRAZIUSO**  
**Associated Press**

**NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)** — Environmental crime such as the poaching of elephants for ivory and the selling of illegal charcoal is helping to finance criminal, militia and terrorists groups, said a report from the United Nations Environment Program released Tuesday. The Somali terror group al-Shabab makes between \$38 million and \$56 million per year in illegal charcoal, the report said. Other militia groups — including the Lord's Resistance Army, which U.S. troops are trying to help hunt down in central Africa — make between \$4 million and \$12 million a year by trafficking elephant ivory. The most lucrative environmental crime is illegal logging, which the report said is worth between \$30 billion and \$100 billion annually. "This is a big story. It's a sad story. It's threatening communities and international

economics despite everything we've put in place at the national and international level, the forces of the market are not allowing us to come to grips with this problem," said Achim Steiner, the head of UNEP. The illegal trade in natural resources has mushroomed in recent years and threatens species and ecosystems but also national economies, Steiner said. The magnitude of money lost to national economies "registers on an economic Richter scale" and requires a more systemic response because of the transnational nature of the threat, Steiner said. Tuesday's report was released during the first ever United Nations Environmental Assembly, a weeklong conference in Nairobi. John Scanlon, the secretary general of CITES, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, said experts believe that speculators are stockpiling ivory in the be-

lief that elephants will one day become extinct and the price of ivory will rise. Poachers have killed tens of thousands of elephants across Africa in recent years, a trend that experts say will lead to extinction if the killings are not stopped. "There have been a clear change in the nature of wildlife crime in the last three four five years. It's happening on an industrial scale now," Scanlon said. In conjunction with the weeklong conference, Human Rights Watch on Tuesday highlighted another type of environmental crime: A battery-recycling plant on Kenya's coast that has exposed workers and communities to lead poisoning, leading to the deaths of three people and sickening many more. Jane Cohen, a researcher on the report, said the case was an example of what happens when economic development is not regulated. □

## Ex-UK editor Andy Coulson convicted of phone hacking

**JILL LAWLESS**

**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — Two powerful British political insiders met starkly different fates Tuesday as former News of the World editor Andy Coulson was convicted of phone hacking but fellow editor Rebekah Brooks was acquitted, after a monthslong trial centering on illegal activity at the heart of Rupert Murdoch's newspaper empire.

A jury at London's Old Bailey unanimously found Coulson, the former spin doctor of British Prime Minister David Cameron, guilty of conspiring to intercept communications by eavesdropping on mobile phone voicemails. Brooks was acquitted of that charge and of counts of conspiring to bribe officials and obstruct police. The nearly eight-month trial one of the longest and most expensive in British legal history was triggered by revelations that for years the News of the World used illegal eavesdropping to get stories, listening in on the voicemails of celebrities, politicians and even crime victims.

The scandal led Murdoch to shut down the 168-year-old tabloid and spurred criminal investigations in which dozens of journalists and officials have been arrested. The jury also found former News of the World managing editor Stuart Kuttner not guilty of phone hacking. Three other defendants Brooks' husband Charles, her former secretary Cheryl Carter and News International security chief Mark Hanna were acquitted of perverting the course of justice by attempting to hide evidence from police.

The defendants stood silently in the dock as the forewoman of the 11-member jury announced the verdicts. Coulson showed no emotion as he was declared guilty. He faces a maximum sentence of two years in jail on the hacking conviction.

Brooks mouthed "thank you" after she was cleared of all charges, and exchanged a glance with Carter, standing next to her in the dock. After the verdicts she and her husband left court without speaking to reporters. The jury, which has been deliberating for eight days, is still considering two charges of paying officials for royal phone directories against Coulson and former News of the World royal editor Clive Goodman.

Brooks and Coulson, both 46, were accused of conspiring, along with Kuttner, to hack phones between 2000 and 2006. She edited the News of the World from 2000 to 2003 with Coulson as her deputy and, the trial revealed, on-off lover. Coulson then took over as editor, before becoming Cameron's communications chief. All the defendants denied wrongdoing. Prosecutors argued that senior editors must have known that hacking was taking place at the News of the World but only Coulson was convicted by the jury.

The verdict puts pressure on Cameron, who employed Coulson after two News of the World employees were convicted of phone hacking in 2007. Coulson quit Downing St. in 2011 when police re-opened their hacking investigation. □





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# What wealth gap? Danish welfare narrows disparity

**JAN M. OLSEN  
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COPENHAGEN, Denmark  
(AP)** — This is what it's like to live in Denmark, a nation with a narrower wealth gap than almost anywhere

Denmark's sturdy social safety net helps explain why its wealth gap — the disparity between the richest citizens and everyone else — is second-smallest among the world's 34 most developed economies,

tions. Eighty-nine percent of Danes reported having more positive experiences in an average day than negative ones, according to the OECD — the highest figure among the organization's 34 countries.

United States, by contrast, the top 20 percent earn about eight times as much as the bottom 20 percent. The idea of a generous government-provided cushion for ordinary people is deeply rooted in a nation with few outward signs of a pampered elite. Members of the royal family often bike to drop off their children at a public daycare center. Last winter, Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt was seen shoveling snow outside her home in Copenhagen. With a solid safety net in place, the government has persuaded unions to accept a flexible labor market. Under a model known as "Flexicurity," companies can quickly lay off staffers during downturns. Laid-off workers, in turn, receive training and guidance in pursuing new

careers. Such training is part of Denmark's approach to education, which is free for everyone of all ages in this country of 5.6 million. Students of any age over 18 who live on their own can receive a stipend of 5,839 kroner (\$1,028) a month. Those living with their parents can receive about half that. So widespread is education that one byproduct has been something unfamiliar elsewhere: A shortage of unskilled labor. Denmark has no mandated minimum wage. But unions and employers' organizations have agreed on a minimum of 111 kroner (\$20.30) an hour. Torben Andersen, an economics professor at Aarhus University, sees political unity as a factor in Denmark's narrow wealth gap. □



**A homeless man sleeps in Townhall Square in Copenhagen .Denmark's sturdy social safety net helps explain why its wealth gap — the disparity between the richest citizens and everyone else — is second-smallest among the world's 34 most developed economies, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, surpassed only by the much smaller economy of Slovenia.  
(AP PHOTO/Jacob Ehrbahn)**

else: You've been jobless for more than a year. You have no university degree, no advanced skills. You have to pay a mortgage. And your husband is nearing retirement. You aren't worried. If you're 51-year-old Lotte Geleff, who lost her job as an office clerk in January 2013, you know you'll receive an unemployment benefit of 10,500 kroner (\$1,902) a month after taxes for up to two years. You're part of a national system of free health care and education for everyone, job training, subsidized child care, a generous pension system and fuel subsidies and rent allowances for the elderly. And high taxes.

according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, surpassed only by the much smaller economy of Slovenia. Behind its slender wealth gap are factors ranging from the highest tax burden in the European Union to a system that helps laid-off workers find new jobs and re-training. They are factors that depend on a level of government involvement — financial and otherwise — that would be politically unacceptable in some areas of the world. Cause and effect would be impossible to prove, but Danes appear more content than people in most other industrialized na-

"We don't have steaks on the table every night, but we're OK," says Geleff, who has a house near the city of Roskilde. While the gap between the wealthy and everyone else is widening in much of the industrialized world, a large chunk of Danes remain firmly middle class. Forty-two percent of the working population of 4.6 million have annual disposable incomes between 200,000 and 400,000 kroner (\$36,700-\$73,300). Just 2.6 percent earn more than 500,000 kroner a year (\$91,383). According to the OECD, the top 20 percent of Danes earn on average four times as much as the bottom 20 percent. In the

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## Indonesia prostitutes resist red-light shutdown



A sex worker checks her smartphone as she and others wait for customers in a brothel at Dolly prostitution complex in Surabaya, Indonesia. The mayor of Indonesia's second-largest city may have officially shut down one of Southeast Asia's biggest red-light districts areas last week, but the world's oldest profession is still up and running despite warnings to stop.

(AP Photo/Dita Alangkara)

**DITA ALANGKARA**  
**Associated Press**  
**SURABAYA, Indonesia (AP)** — The mayor of Indonesia's second-largest city

has officially shut down "Dolly," one of Southeast Asia's biggest red-light districts, but the world's oldest profession is still working

despite warnings to stop. Dolly — believed to have been named years ago after a colonial Dutch madam — was supposed to

have closed June 18, but on the main drag, young women in skin-tight mini-skirts and heels continue to lure guests into rooms lit only by faint red and pink lights. Pimps made no attempt to hide as they stood outside, greeting potential customers. When a sex worker in a karaoke parlor spotted journalists walking past, she ran out with a raised fist and shouted, "Dolly will stay open!" Surabaya's reformist mayor Tri Rismaharini has vowed to shutter the area, and the government is offering \$425 to each of the estimated 1,500 sex workers to help them get out of the business. Rismaharini plans to ease the women out of the work, and gave them until Monday to collect the money. She has not attempted to use force but said she wants the entire complex closed down by the end of the holy month

of Ramadan in late July. But the sex workers, pimps and local business owners have taken to the streets in protest, saying the city is offering too little compensation for yanking them away from their livelihoods. "The government just doesn't care about us," said Suyatmi, 43, a prostitute who uses one name like many Indonesians. "We need a more permanent solution. They can't just solve the prostitution problem by handing out money to prostitutes." Prostitution rings operate openly in all major Indonesian cities despite opposition from Islamic conservatives, some of whom want to replace the country's secular system with one bound by Islamic law. Most of Indonesia's 246 million people are Muslims. Rismaharini, the first female mayor of Surabaya, has pledged to shut down all brothels in the city. □

## Bondholders to judge: No wiggle room for Argentina

**MICHAEL WARREN**  
**Associated Press**  
**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — The winners of a decade-long debt battle asked a U.S. judge on Tuesday to deny Argentina's request for more negotiating time to avoid a catastrophic default. The plaintiffs said Argentina must first show it's serious about paying a judgment by June 30 that, with interest, will have grown to \$1.65 billion. Lawyers for NML Capital Ltd. and other bondholders told U.S. District Judge Thomas Griesa in Manhattan that Argentina will only

try to evade the court's orders if it's given more time. "It is no accident that Argentina's first (tentative) settlement overture in more than a decade comes only when it faces a realistic — but firm — timeframe," their motion reads. Economy Minister Axel Kicillof asked Monday for a delay, saying the government is ready to talk once the judge guarantees "equal treatment" for 100 percent of Argentina's creditors. Enforcing the deadline meanwhile could provoke a disorderly default, he warned, sinking

the nation's economy and potentially causing financial havoc around the globe. The plaintiffs countered that if Argentina pays up by Monday, it won't have any problems resolving the rest of its debts in plenty of time. The terms of Griesa's ruling, which the U.S. Supreme Court allowed to stand, forbid the U.S. financial system from processing Argentina's payments to other bondholders if it hasn't first paid the plaintiffs. Argentina's next installment to the majority of its creditors is \$907 mil-

lion, due June 30, but the government has a 30-day grace period thereafter to avoid default. "Although Argentina claims that a stay would facilitate negotiations, just the opposite is true. If Argentina is serious about negotiating a resolution, there is no reason why negotiations could not be concluded prior to July 30, 2014," NML Capital's lawyers told the judge. President Cristina Fernandez said Friday that she wants the judge's support for a process that would enable her government to resolve 100 percent of

Argentina's debts — including holders of the last 7 percent of bonds that went into default in 2001 and are held by investors who weren't part of the winning case. The plaintiffs on Tuesday basically called her bluff, saying that if she is finally serious about paying those debts, she's welcome to do so ahead of the court's deadline. With just six days left before June 30, "Argentina's officials have yet to engage in any way with the principals of its creditors, or even take steps to schedule such a meeting," said their motion to deny the stay. □





## Diamonds International Gives Back With Lend-A-Hand Project



**ORANJESTAD** - As the largest jewelry retailer in the Caribbean, Diamonds International is a prominent feature in Caribbean life. The last quarter of a century has seen huge expansion from the company who have received a warm welcome in each island they have branched out to, including Aruba where they have been part of the economy for over 16 years. Diamonds International feels it is their corporate responsibility to give back and support their islands, which is why they set-up a charity organization 'The Lend-A-Hand Projects' to do just that. The Lend-A-Hand Projects

is essentially a program established to help community/charity and environmental projects that need a helping hand. They offer their greatest attribute, their workforce, to worthy projects that need a few extra hands to get a job done. This last Saturday, Diamonds International employees were proud participants in the second Lend-A-Hand Project in Aruba. The DI team donated their time to help renovate the library of the Maria Regina Basisschool in San Nicolaas. The team helped clean, paint and improve what was before an abandoned classroom,

using their own carpenters to build and install new tables and bookshelves, leaving behind a beautiful new library. No corner was left untouched as the team worked hard through the day to complete the library. The team sorted out the books and painted an inspiring mural as well for the kids.

"Our company feels very strongly about embracing our local communities and supporting our island wherever we can. The true hero's of these projects are our employees who work with passion and show a beautiful team spirit to come together and get the job done."

We are very proud of the work we do, and love to Lend-a-Hand wherever we can, we look forward to making an ongoing difference here in Aruba", says Keisha Williams, General Manager of Diamonds International. Other Lend-A-Hand Projects in the Caribbean include, Belize - Queen Street



Baptist Primary School in which together they gave eight classrooms a much needed facelift; Grand Cayman - Red Cross, project in which they collaborated with the Red Cross to clean out and organize four crates containing damaged hurricane supplies; Jamaica - Falmouth Public General Hospital, project in which they were able to lend a hand in a much needed clean up of the hospital; Honduras - Pirates Bay Clean Up, the

volunteer team collected garbage and many other items that are harmful to the environment. Diamonds International will continue with more projects over the summer, if you have a project that could benefit from the Lend-a-Hand team contact [aruba@shopdi.com](mailto:aruba@shopdi.com), or call 588-0443. To follow Diamonds International and their future projects on Facebook, please go to Diamonds International-Aruba. □



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on the David Letterman Show five times, the Tonight Show twice, and the Conan O'Brien Show. Dan has also done his own special on Comedy Central. Dan can currently be seen on the new season of the hit NBC show America's Got Talent! Ray Ellin will be hosting the shows. Known as "Aruba Ray" because of his passion for Aruba, which he lovingly refers to as his "Southern Home," Ray has been coming to Aruba every month for the past three years, and produces and hosts these fantastic comedy shows on the island. Ray has appeared on many television programs; he is the host of the new Gong Show Live, a resurrection of the classic 70's television show. He also hosted the popular talk show Late Net, and hosted the television shows The Movie Loft, Brain Fuel, and New York Now. He also produced and direct-

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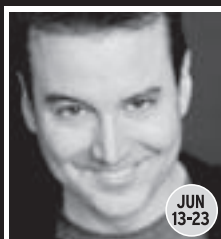
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Maria Sharapova of Russia returns to Samantha Murray of Britain during their first round match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

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## Nadal's grass-court winning streak now stands at 1

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AP Tennis Writer

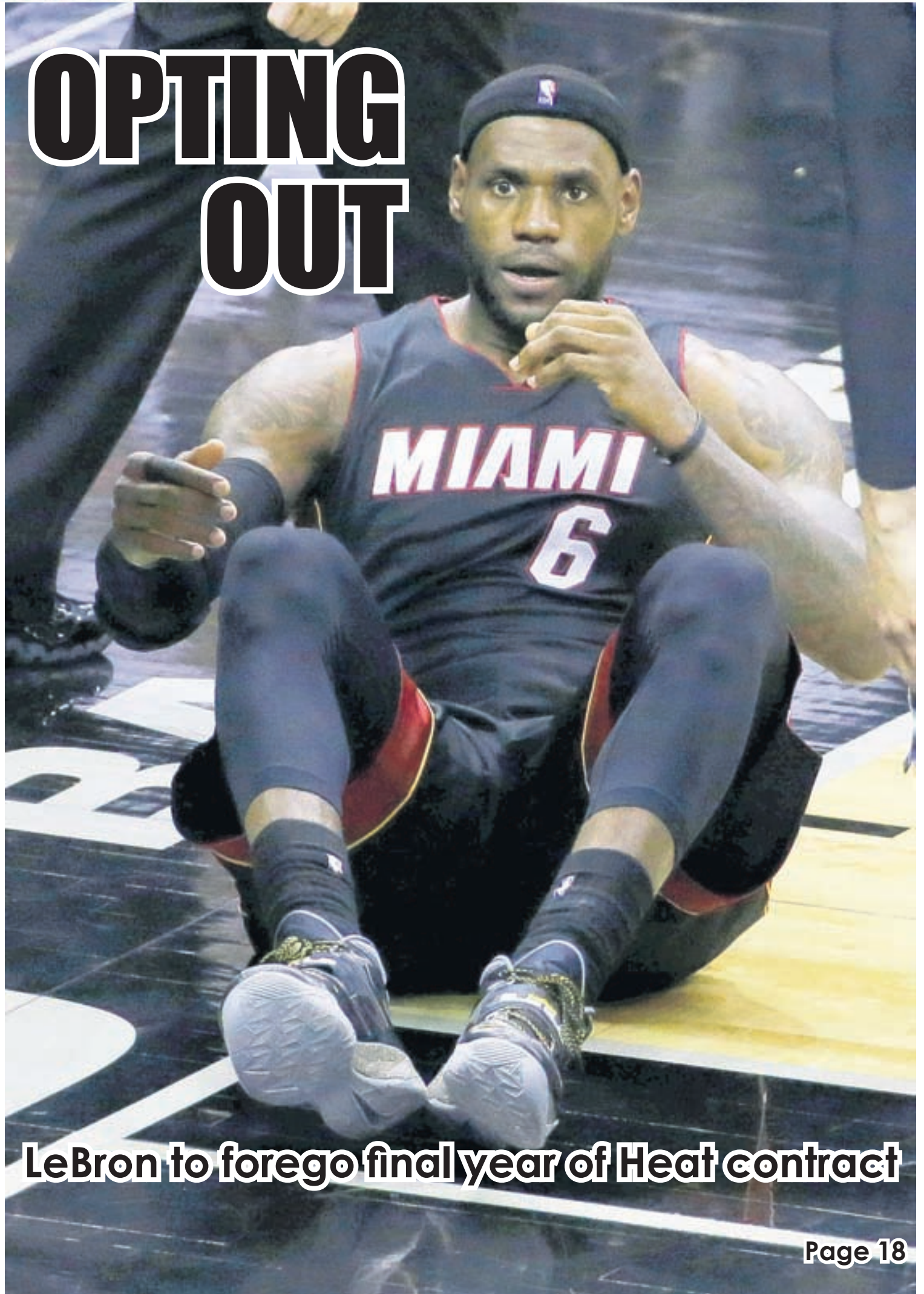
**LONDON (AP)** — Chasing a shot to his right, Rafael Nadal slipped and tumbled to the Centre Court turf. He popped up, raced across the baseline to get back into the point, and later capped the 14-stroke exchange with a back-hand passing winner.

The reason for the two-time Wimbledon champion's recent inability to play well on grass remains something of a mystery. As far as Nadal was concerned Tuesday, all that mattered was that he dusted himself off and eventually ended a three-match — and seven-set — losing streak on the slick surface.

Overcoming a deficit against a flat-hitting opponent who kept finding lines early, Nadal beat 51st-ranked Martin Klizan of Slovakia 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 to reach the second round. Nadal's reaction afterward — pumping fists, raising arms aloft, tossing souvenirs to the crowd — was rather over-the-top for a guy who owns 14 Grand Slam titles.

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# OPTING OUT



## LeBron to forego final year of Heat contract

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Miami Heat forward LeBron James (6) gets up after a play against the San Antonio Spurs during the second half in Game 5 of the NBA basketball finals on Sunday, June 15, 2014, in San Antonio.

Associated Press



# LeBron tells Heat he will become free agent

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP Basketball Writer

**MIAMI (AP)** -- LeBron James delivered his message loud and clear, without actually saying a word.

He's willing to leave Miami, if that's what it will take to win more championships. And what happens next will likely be up to not just the Heat, but Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh as well.

Through his agent, James informed the Heat on Tuesday that he has decided to opt out of the final two years of his contract, a move that means he becomes a free agent on July 1. He will be able to sign with any team, including Miami, and Heat President Pat Riley said he "fully expected" James to take advantage of his early termination option.



In this June 17, 2014 file photo, Miami Heat's LeBron James gestures as he answers a question during a news conference in Miami. **Associated Press**

"We look forward to sitting down with LeBron and his representatives and talking about our future together,"

Riley said.

The Heat have been preparing for this for some time. James, Wade and Bosh all got six-year contracts when they teamed up in Miami in July 2010, the last time free agency was accompanied by the sort of frenzy that will envelop the league over the next few weeks. But each of those deals came with options to leave either this summer or in 2015, in part to allow both the players and the team to have financial flexibility.

James - who averaged 27.1 points this past season - was owed \$42.7 million for the next two seasons, though that seems irrelevant in the sense that he'll be getting plenty of money from the Heat or someone else for years to come. If he stays with Miami, he could sign a deal that would give the team room to maneuver within the structures of the salary cap and luxury-tax threshold.

So could Wade and Bosh, if they choose to opt out as well - and if both do, Miami would potentially have plenty of cash to spend on roster upgrades. Neither has announced their plans, though both have previously said they want to remain in Miami.

"No news here yet," Wade said Tuesday.

James stayed silent as well, with agent Rich Paul being the one who informed the Heat of the four-time NBA

MVP's plan. But last week, while still dealing with the sting of losing the NBA Finals to San Antonio, James expressed how enticing the idea of flexibility is to him.

"Being able to have flexibility as a professional, anyone, that's what we all would like," James said last week. "That's in any sport, for a football player, a baseball player, a basketball player, to have flexibility and be able to control your future or your present. I have a position to be able to do that. ... There's a lot of times that you're not in control of your future as a professional."

He's in control now. He turns 30 next season. He might just be entering his prime.

James said last week that he, Wade and Bosh owed it to one another to have a conversation before deciding where to play going forward. It is unclear if those discussions have taken place.

And while James opting out was largely expected, the ripple effect of the move was seen all over the sports world.

The NFL, on its Twitter account, posted a photo of James dunking a football over the crossbar at the stadium his beloved Dallas Cowboys call home, light-heartedly asking him if he wanted to pass some time in a training camp while making his decision. And U.S. Soccer, also in a tweet, said it has a new team for him - then attached a photo of men's national team jersey bearing James' name and No. 6.

Even hockey got into the act.

"You know, you'd be 6-10 on skates," someone posted to the Carolina Hurricanes' Twitter account, in a message to James.

For now, all that seems certain is James sticking to basketball. What team, that's now up for debate.

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## Uruguay beats Italy to advance; Greece late winner

**The Associated Press**

**NATAL, Brazil (AP)** — NATAL, Brazil (AP) — Captain Diego Godin scored in the 81st minute as Uruguay edged 10-man Italy 1-0 Tuesday to reach the second round of the World Cup, a victory overshadowed by a biting incident involving Luis Suarez.

Godin rose above a crowd of defenders to meet a corner with his left shoulder and veteran goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon had no chance.

Moments earlier, replays showed Suarez apparently bite the shoulder of Italy defender Giorgio Chiellini as the pair clashed in the Italian penalty area.

Suarez was already sanctioned with a heavy ban for biting Chelsea defender Branislav Ivanovic in the English Premier League in 2013 and FIFA can sanction players for biting with bans of up to two years.

Chiellini said Suarez should have been sent off and that the red card for Italy midfielder Claudio Marchisio should never have been given.

"The red for Marchisio and not sending off Suarez were ridiculous," Chiellini said. "It was absolutely clear. There's even a mark," Chiellini said of the bite.

It was only one of many ugly incidents in a highly physical "in or out" match at the Arena das Dunas. Marchisio was shown a direct red card for putting his boot into Egidio Arevalo's knee in the 59th. Also, Mario Balotelli picked up his second yellow card in two matches for a dangerous foul during the first half, and was benched for the second period.

Four-time champion Italy is heading home after the group phase for the second consecutive World Cup.

COSTA RICA 0, ENGLAND 0

BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil (AP) — Costa Rica fin-

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ridge missed a number of chances throughout the match. One of Sturridge's best opportunities came in the 65th after a nice one-two with midfielder Jack Wilshere. But the forward's curling shot from the right just missed squeezing inside the far post.

GREECE 2, IVORY COAST 1



Colombia's Jackson Martinez shoots to score his team's second goal during the group C World Cup soccer match between Japan and Colombia at the Arena Pantanal in Cuiaba, Brazil, Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

Associated Press

ished first in what many considered the World Cup's toughest group after a dour, scoreless draw against England.

Costa Rica only needed a draw to top Group D and played that way, setting up in a defensive 5-3-2 formation.

The result gives Costa Rica its best World Cup performance, winning a group that contained former three world champions.

"We will have to keep fighting," Costa Rica coach Jorge Luis Pinto said. "Whatever happens we are willing to fight."

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we had energy," Samaras said, dedicating the win to Greeks suffering through financial crisis. "We really hope we can make the people happy back home. We are a team. A team — that's it." The Greeks had taken the lead just before halftime through substitute Andreas Samaris, who punished Ivorian Ismael Tiote for a careless pass backward.

Substitute Wilfried Bony equalized for Ivory Coast in the 74th, beating goalkeeper Pangiotis Glykos from close range after being set up by Gervinho. That goal looked like it would put the Africans

through until the late drama. Samaras met a cross in the area and tried to shoot with his left leg, which got caught against the leg of Sio. Samaras' foot then hit the ground and he fell to the turf, drawing a penalty.

With his country's hopes on the line, Samaras sent his spot kick past goalkeeper Boubacar Barry, who guessed the right way but couldn't keep the ball out.

COLOMBIA 4, JAPAN 1  
CUIABA, Brazil (AP) — James Rodriguez scored a brilliant goal and set up two more for Jackson Martinez as Colombia routed Japan 4-1 on Tuesday to confirm top spot in Group C and eliminate the Asian champions from the World Cup. Already assured of advancing, Colombia guaranteed first place with its third straight win, setting up a second-round match against Uruguay. Japan finished with a draw and two losses in a disappointing campaign. The Colombians started with a virtual second-

string lineup but still went in front when Juan Cuadrado — one of the few regular starters — drilled in a 17th-minute penalty. Japan equalized with the last touch of the first half through Shinji Okazaki's header but Martinez scored in the 55th and 82nd minutes — both from superb passes from substitute Rodriguez — to put the result beyond doubt. Rodriguez capped it off with his stunning solo goal in the 89th, turning his marker inside out before chipping the advancing goalkeeper with a deft finish that bore all the hallmarks of the great Lionel Messi. □



# Nadal

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"So happy for the victory. In the end, the match was difficult. After the first set, (it) was even more difficult," said the Spaniard, who is ranked No. 1 and seeded No. 2 but approached this opening-round encounter with some trepidation. "When you go on court and you lost last year in the first round, the year before in the second round ... (I'm not) going to lie ... it stays in your mind."

Next for Nadal is a match against the man who beat him in 2012's second round, Lukas Rosol of the Czech Republic.

"He is a very dangerous player; very strong, very powerful at the baseline," Nadal said.

Other past champions in action on Day 2 advanced, too, including Roger Federer, Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova, all in straight sets. Last year, when everything around these parts was turned upside down by surprise after surprise, that trio joined Nadal with early exits; Williams was the last of the group standing, and she departed in the fourth round.

Williams needed to cast aside four break points during a 10-minute first game Tuesday, but after getting that out of the way, breezed to a 6-1, 6-2 win against Anna Tatishvili. Sharapova lost all of one game against British wild-card entry Samantha Murray.

Seven-time champion Federer's 6-1, 6-1, 6-3 victory dropped Italy's Paolo Lorenzi to 0-13 for his

Grand Slam career, while 2002 champion Lleyton Hewitt eliminated Michal Przysiezny of Poland 6-2, 6-7 (14), 6-1, 6-4.

"This is what I still play for," said the 33-year-old Hewitt, a former No. 1 now ranked 48th after a series of injury issues. "You do all the hard work to come back and play in places like this. You don't get sick of coming out here and playing at Wimbledon."

One seeded man who lost was No. 29 Ivo Karlovic, beaten by Canada's Frank Dancevic 6-4, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4).

Seeded women on the way out were No. 7 Jelena Jankovic, the 2008 U.S. Open runner-up; No. 28 Svetlana Kuznetsova, a two-time major champion who lost to Michelle Larcher de Brito of Portugal 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; and No. 29 Sorana Cirstea, who was beaten



**Rafael Nadal of Spain plays a return to Martin Klizan of Slovakia during their match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Tuesday, June 24, 2014.**  
Associated Press

6-4, 3-6, 6-1 by 18-year-old qualifier Vicky Duval of the United States.

Another U.S. teenager, wild-card entry Taylor Townsend, lost to No. 31 Klara Koukalova of the Czech Republic 7-5, 6-2, but otherwise there was a strong showing by Americans. No. 9 John Isner, Sam Querrey, Jack Sock, Denis Kudla, Madison Keys and Varvara Lepchenko advanced.

For Nadal, everything comes so easily on red clay, and he just added his record ninth trophy at the French Open. But he says grass is a lot tougher on his knees, which have bothered him off and on for years.

"When I am playing on clay, I don't have to think a lot about what I have to do," Nadal said. "Here, you need to adjust the

movement. You need to adjust the rhythm. You need to find the right feeling on the speed of the ball."

Still, Nadal used to be fine on the green stuff.

He played for the title on five consecutive trips to Wimbledon from 2006-11, winning the championship in 2008 and 2010 (he missed the tournament in 2009 because of a knee injury). But in 2012, he lost to then-100th-ranked Rosol. Last year, Nadal exited in the first round against 135th-ranked Steve Darcis. And this month, Nadal lost his opening match at a grass-court tuneup in Halle, Germany, to 65th-ranked Dustin Brown.

For a little more than a set Tuesday, Nadal ran into trouble again on grass. This time, he turned things around. □

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## Lind HRs as Blue Jays beat Yankees 8-3

**The Associated Press**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Adam Lind hit a three-run home run in his return to the starting lineup, rookie Marcus Stroman won for the first time in three starts and the Toronto Blue Jays beat New York 8-3 on Monday night, handing the Yankees their third straight loss. Lind drove in four runs and Dioner Navarro had two RBIs for Toronto. The AL East-leading Blue Jays scored as many runs in this game against New York as they managed over three games while being swept at Yankee Stadium last week.

Stroman (4-2) allowed one run and three hits in a career-high eight innings. He walked one and matched a career high with seven strikeouts.

New York rookie Chase Whitley (3-1) saw his three-start winning streak snapped, allowing season highs of 11 hits and eight runs over 3 1-3 innings.

**ORIOLES 6, WHITE SOX 4**  
**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Chris Davis hit a pinch-hit, three-run homer in the ninth inning to lift Baltimore past Chicago.

Davis was excluded from the starting lineup after batting just .130 in his previous 14 starts. Called upon by manager Buck Showalter with runners on first and second and one out in the ninth, Davis launched a 3-2 pitch from Ronald Belisario (3-4) into the seats in right field.

Davis, who led the majors in home runs and RBIs last year, started the game in the dugout with a .216 batting average and 78

strikeouts in 218 at-bats.

Adam Jones and Caleb Joseph also homered for the Orioles, who trailed 4-2 in the eighth before rallying to hand the White Sox their fifth straight defeat. Brad Brach (1-0) pitched two hitless innings for Baltimore.

**MARLINS 4, PHILLIES 0**  
**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Casey McGehee hit a two-run double and Nathan Eovaldi pitched six-hit ball into the seventh inning to lead Miami.

Eovaldi (5-3) went 6 1-3 innings and got 12 of his 19 outs on flyballs. The right-hander hadn't won since May 26 and gave up 11 runs in his previous two starts.

Phillies starter Roberto Hernandez (3-6) allowed two runs and three hits, striking out six in six innings. Hernandez lined a single to right in the third inning for his first career hit after going 0 for 40.

**PIRATES 8, RAYS 1**  
**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)** — Pedro Alvarez hit a three-run homer to back the pitching of Edinson Volquez as Pittsburgh beat Tampa Bay.

Andrew McCutchen went 3 for 5, drove in two runs and stole two bases for the Pirates in a homecoming of sorts for the 2013 NL MVP, who grew up in nearby Fort Meade and had never played before at Tropicana Field. He also scored twice in Pittsburgh's first appearance in St. Petersburg since 2003.

Alvarez went deep off Alex Cobb (2-6) during a four-run fourth inning that also featured the first of Mc-



**Toronto Blue Jays right fielder Anthony Gose makes a catch at the wall against New York Yankees Brendan Ryan during the sixth inning of a baseball game in Toronto on Monday, June 23, 2014.**  
**Associated Press**

Cutchen's two RBI singles. Volquez (5-6) allowed five hits in a season-high eight innings.

James Loney drove in Tampa Bay's only run with a two-out, first-inning single.

**ROYALS 5, DODGERS 3**  
**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — Jeremy Guthrie pitched into the eighth inning, Jarrod Dyson drove in two runs off Zack Greinke and Kansas City ended a four-game losing streak.

Guthrie (5-6) allowed two runs and seven hits while winning his third straight start. He was buoyed by an offense that had only scored eight runs total during its recent slide.

Dyson, the Royals' No. 9 hitter, went 3 for 3 and stole two bases. Salvador Perez hit a solo home run, and Lorenzo Cain and Alcides Escobar — two of the players acquired by the Royals in the trade that sent Greinke to Milwaukee in December 2010 — drove in a run apiece.

Greg Holland served up a homer to Adrian Gonzalez in the ninth before earning his 22nd save.

Greinke (9-4) gave up a season-high five runs and 11 hits in 5 2-3 innings.

**REDS 6, CUBS 1**  
**CHICAGO (AP)** — Devin Mesoraco hit a grand slam with two outs in Cincinnati's five-run ninth inning.

Mesoraco went deep for the fourth straight game, driving a 1-0 pitch from Hector Rondon (1-2) into the basket in left-center for his 13th homer. It was Mesoraco's second grand slam of the season and No. 3 of his career.

Billy Hamilton had a tie-breaking RBI single earlier in the inning as Cincinnati won for the sixth time in seven games to move above .500 for the first time this season at 38-37. The winning sequence started when Chris Heisey reached on a pinch-hit single with two outs and no one on base, snapping an 0-for-16 rut.

It was the first homer allowed by Rondon since last Aug. 3.

Jonathan Broxton (3-0) pitched a perfect eighth and Logan Ondrusek got the last three outs.

**NATIONALS 3, BREWERS 0**

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Gio Gonzalez combined with three relievers to hold Milwaukee's potent lineup to three hits, and Adam LaRoche hit a three-run homer to lead Washington.

Gonzalez (4-4) walked four and struck out five in six innings. It was the left-hander's second start following a monthlong stint on the disabled list for left shoulder inflammation.

He outpitched Matt Garza (4-5), who struck out seven in seven innings but allowed LaRoche's homer to straightaway center in the third.

Tyler Clippard struck out the side in the ninth for his first save.

**CARDINALS 8, ROCKIES 0**  
**DENVER (AP)** — Lance Lynn allowed three hits in eight innings and Matt Adams had two homers and a career-high six RBIs to lead St. Louis.

Lynn (8-5) struck out seven and walked none before being taken out for the ninth after throwing 108 pitches. It's the first time Colorado has been held scoreless at Coors Field since last July. □



# Throat's Door

By: Dr. Carlos Viana

The word thyroid comes from the Greek "thura" which means "door," which is what the thyroid looks like. Your thyroid gland is the largest endocrine gland and is situated in the front of the neck. Your thyroid gland secretes iodine-rich hormones thyroxin and triiodothyronine which regulate your metabolism rate; but its effects are felt all over the body.

Thyroid glands that are not functioning optimally produce a myriad of symptoms. Many people experience unexplained cold hands and feet, low body temperature, sensitivity to cold, a feeling of always being chilled, headaches, insomnia, dry skin and hair, puffy eyes, hair loss, brittle nails, joint aches, constipation, mental dullness, fatigue, frequent infections, PMS symptoms, hoarse voice, ringing in the ears, dizziness, depression, fluid retention, anxiety and panic attacks, allergies, asthma, acne, skin hives, loss of libido, and weight gain, which is sometimes uncontrollable. In fact, an insufficiently nourished thyroid might be a major cause of weight problems, especially among women, in the West today.

Research indicates that up to 10 percent of Westerners have a thyroid problem that has most likely gone unrecognized. If you are experiencing any of the symptoms above your

doctor could send you to check your thyroid function through a blood test. Unfortunately, the test results may not be accurate. This is because test "averages" do not show how all of us are unique. Your individual thyroid hormone levels are not like anyone else's.

Thyroid tests will not give you an accurate indication of your ideal thyroid hormone level, because they are missing a critical piece of information which is your peak thyroid level when you were young and healthy. Should your thyroid test results indicate that you are in the "normal" range...say 5.5...but when you were younger you would have tested at a 9, then indeed, your thyroid is quite under active for you. At 5.5 you may feel very tired yet your doctor will tell you that your test results are "normal."

You can only truly compare you with you, and not a range of others. It would be ideal if we were tested when we were in our late teens and twenties and our peak levels were recorded at the topmost physical time in our life. Then, as we age, we could test ourselves again to ensure that our hormone levels remain at this peak level.

The second reason that the tests are often inaccurate is because they only show what your thyroid hormone levels are on the day of testing. Your



thyroid is a "tricky" organ to both diagnose and treat since its hormone levels fluctuate all the time. What you eat each day has a tremendous and immediate impact on it, and how much hormone it secretes.

A third reason for their inaccuracy is that the tests do not indicate if your thyroid hormone is actually entering your cells. Your thyroid may be manufacturing plenty of hormone but your cells can become resistant to the hormone and not able to utilize it. This condition is called Wilson's Syndrome. If you have low body temperature and some of the symptoms listed above you could have this condition.

In our clinic we see a lot of hypo or low functioning thyroids. The first solution is to put our patients on their metabolic or blood type food list. Because of today's diet, people will likely never experience outstanding thyroid health, unless they are encouraged to change their eating habits.

Your thyroid can be nourished better with a diet that includes the good fats (olive oil, pump-

kinseed oil, real, unsalted butter, cod liver oil, and egg yolks) and mineral-rich foods (dark green leafy vegetables, sea salt and ocean veggies). Supplements that help in building a strong thyroid are kelp and selenium.

Most thyroid patients are women and many with low progesterone are often misdiagnosed as thyroid deficiency. Thyroid and sex hormones each affect the other. We often attend women with bulging eyes, racing heartbeat, and a swollen neck by naturally stimulating their progesterone production. Adding zinc to your daily supplement routine is important for sexual health.

Irregular periods, often leading to needless hysterectomies, are unfortunate common aspects of hypothyroidism; and breast disease. Too little thyroid production may cause increased prolactin levels and persistent estrogen stimulation.

Prolactin is the hormone that stimulates the production of breast milk. Levels rise normally during pregnancy and breastfeeding. Abnormal changes in prolactin production can slow or stop your menstruation and you may find that you are producing milk from your breasts when you are not pregnant.

Get The Point! Your thyroid may not be working at its optimum if you are experiencing some of the symptoms mentioned above. If the guardian in your throat isn't handling the job anymore, maybe

it's time for a change of guard. Take control of your health by opening the door to diet and lifestyle changes. Don't settle for "averages." We are all different; we offer specialized hormone and other testing. Let us prepare a personal plan to fortify your health.

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# Eyes on you: Experts reveal police hacking methods



Morgan Marquis-Boire, left, a senior security researcher and technical adviser with University of Toronto-based Citizen Lab, and Malicious software expert Sergey Golovanov with Moscow-based Kaspersky Lab, speaks during a "cyber self-defense course" hosted by Russian antivirus firm Kaspersky at an event in east London on Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

Associated Press

**RAPHAEL SATTER**  
Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Law enforcement agencies across the globe are taking a page out of the hacker's handbook, using targets' own phones and computers to spy on them with methods traditionally associated with cybercriminals, two computer security groups said Tuesday.

Drawing on a cache of leaked documents and months of forensic work, two reports about the private Italian firm Hacking Team expose a global network of malicious software implants operated by police and spy agencies in dozens of countries.

"This in many ways is the police surveillance of the now and the future," said Morgan Marquis-Boire, a security researcher with Citizen Lab and a lead author of one of the reports. "What we need to actually decide how we're comfortable with it being used and under what circumstances."

Citizen Lab's work, paired with a report published simultaneously by Moscow-based Kaspersky Lab, helps complete the picture of state-sanctioned surveillance sketched by Edward Snowden's sensational revelations about the National Security Agency

and its international allies. While many of Snowden's revelations dealt with the mass monitoring of communication as it flows across the globe, Hacking Team brags about more aggressive forms of monitoring that let authorities turn people's phones and laptops into eavesdropping tools.

Hacking Team's chief spokesman, Eric Rabe, dismissed the reports as consisting of a lot of old news. Hacking Team's ability to break into iPhones and BlackBerrys is "well known in the security industry," he said in an email.

"We believe the software we provide is essential for law enforcement and for the safety of all in an age when terrorists, drug dealers and sex traffickers and other criminals routinely use the Internet and mobile communications to carry out their crimes," he said.

Rabe invoked Hacking Team's customer policy, which says the company sells only to governments which it screens for human rights concerns. A company-established panel — whose membership Rabe declined to specify — checks out every potential client. While Hacking Team realizes that its software can be abused, the policy says the com-

pany takes "a number of precautions to limit the potential for that abuse."

Those precautions haven't prevented copies of Hacking Team's malicious software from being used to target more than 30 activists and journalists, according to a tally maintained by Citizen Lab, a research group based at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs.

Citizen Lab's report provided an unusual level of insight into how the malware operates, showing how devices can be compromised through booby-trapped emails or infected USB sticks, or even pushed onto handsets by a pliant telephone company.

Screenshots released by Citizen Lab appear to show a control panel complete with on-off switches for recording text messages, calls, keystrokes and visited websites. Other options open to Hacking Team's customers include the ability to force infected phones to take regular pictures or video and to monitor the position of an infected handset via Google Maps, effectively turning a target's phone into both a hidden camera and a tracking device. Hacking Team built its programs for stealth. The spy software implanted on iPhones is calibrated

to avoid draining the phone's battery, both Citizen Lab and Kaspersky said. On BlackBerrys, it can be programmed to ship stolen data via Wi-Fi to avoid jacking up the phone bill. The spyware even comes with a special "crisis" mode that will cause it to self-destruct if it's in danger of being detected.

"The victim's got almost no chances of figuring out that their iPhone is infected," said Kaspersky malware expert Sergey Golovanov, who investigated the rogue program for his firm.

Hacking Team does not say who its customers are, but researchers can draw inferences from the network of servers tasked with controlling its spyware.

In its report, Kaspersky says its scans uncovered 326 Hacking Team command servers based in more than 40 countries, including 64 servers in the United States, 49 in Kazakhstan and 35 in Ecuador. Other countries hosting multiple servers include the United Kingdom, Canada and China.

Kaspersky's report cautions that hosting a Hacking Team command server doesn't necessarily mean officials in that country are using its software, although it said that would be logical due to the com-

plications of controlling spyware from another nation's territory.

Hints about who is using these programs can also be found by studying how victims got infected.

Citizen Lab found Hacking Team software hiding in an Android phone application ostensibly designed to provide Arabic-language news from Saudi Arabia's Qatif region, the scene of protests in the wake of the 2011 Arab Spring revolutions. Saudi officials did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Steven Bellovin, a Columbia University academic who has written about hacking in the law enforcement context, described the reports' findings as credible. In an email exchange, he said there was nothing inherently wrong about police using malware to infect their targets, noting that both police and criminals do carry guns.

"The hacking tools fall into the same category. They're dual use," he said. But Bellovin said there need to be strict rules — and open debate — about the law enforcement uses of malicious software before government-commissioned viruses are unleashed on the Internet.

"None of that seems to be present here," he said. □



# Stocks end lower as traders sell blue chips

**KEN SWEET**

**AP Markets Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The stock market had its biggest decline in two weeks Tuesday, led by a sell-off in blue-chip bank and energy stocks. Homebuilders rose after the government reported sales of new homes rose in May to the highest level in six years. The late-afternoon selling came during a relatively quiet week for Wall Street. Traders said the selling might be tied to large mutual funds having to rebalance their portfolios ahead of the end of the quarter next week. Other traders pointed to the ongoing violence in Iraq as a reason to pull out of the market ahead of the end of the quarter.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 119.13 points, or 0.7 percent, to 16,818.13. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 12.63 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,949.98 and the Nasdaq composite fell 18.32 points, or 0.4 percent, to 4,350.36.

The Dow fell more than the S&P 500 and Nasdaq as investors sold large, brand-name stocks. Exxon Mobil, Boeing, American Express and JPMorgan Chase all fell 1 percent or more.

The selling in blue-chip stocks marks a recent and notable change in trader behavior. Stocks of large, diversified companies have been among the

most popular with investors this year. With the quarter end and mid-year approaching, it's not uncommon for investors to sell some of the best performing names to rebalance their portfolios.

Vertex Pharmaceuticals was a bright spot in the S&P 500. The drug company soared \$26.92, or 40 percent, to \$93.53 after Vertex

March and April. Even with today's declines, the S&P 500 Biotechnology index rose 1.3 percent.

"That was a growth area that worried a lot of people, but the news out of Vertex is very bullish," said Ian Winer, director of stock trading at Wedbush Securities. "The news has renewed a risk appetite in that space we have not

rose 27 cents, or 0.9 percent, to \$30.50.

Homebuilder stocks also did well Tuesday after the Commerce Department said sales of new homes jumped 18.6 percent in May to an annualized rate of 504,000. That's the highest level since May 2008. International concerns remain an issue for investors as well. The United Nations



**Trader John Santiago, left, talks with a colleague on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The stock market had its biggest decline in two weeks Tuesday, led by a sell-off in blue-chip bank and energy stocks. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)**

said its treatment for cystic fibrosis appeared to work better than a placebo in a late-stage study. Vertex plans to seek approval for the treatment in the U.S. and Europe.

Traders say it's a positive sign to see investors heading back into biotechnology stocks. The sector was among the hardest hit in

seen in months."

Micron Technology jumped \$1.24, or 4 percent, to \$32.50, making it the second-biggest advancer in the S&P 500. The semiconductor maker reported better-than-expected earnings and raised its forecast for the next quarter. Dow component Intel, another major chipmaker,

said Tuesday that more than 1,000 people, mostly civilians, have been killed in Iraq so far this month, the highest death toll since the U.S. military withdrew from the country in December 2011. In the United Arab Emirates, Dubai's stock market fell 6.7 percent Tuesday and Abu Dhabi's fell 3.3 percent. □

## Dean Foods will be subpoenaed in Mickelson case

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Federal authorities are seeking information from Dean Foods as part of an investigation into well-timed trades placed by the championship golfer Phil Mickelson and the well-known sports gambler William T. Walters.

Prosecutors working for Preet Bharara, the U.S. attorney in Manhattan, recently subpoenaed the food and beverage company for documents, according to people briefed on the matter. The request came shortly after published reports disclosed that the federal authorities were investigating whether Walters and Mickelson possessed inside information about Dean Foods' plan to announce a spinoff of its WhiteWave Foods subsidiary in August 2012.

Shortly before the spinoff was announced, Walters and Mickelson placed separate trades in the stock of Dean Foods, according to another person briefed on the matter. Those trades generated more than \$15 million in proceeds for Walters and nearly \$1 million for Mickelson, that person said. Shares of Dean Foods soared nearly 41 percent after the company formally announced the planned spinoff Aug. 8.

For nearly two years, federal authorities have been investigating the trades. One theory the authorities are pursuing is that a person inside Dean Foods provided Walters advance notice of the WhiteWave deal, prompting him to share that information with Mickelson.

Separately, the authorities are examining Walters' trading in the stock of Clorox. Mickelson has no connection to those trades. The investigation of the two men has generated a good deal of publicity because Mickelson, a three-time winner of the Masters golf tournament, is one of the world's most famed golfers. □

## Israel joins Paris Club of ultra-rich creditor nations

**PARIS (AP)** — Israel has joined an influential group of rich nations that help poor indebted economies, in the latest boost for Israel's international economic image.

The Paris Club of creditor nations announced Israel's induction Tuesday, bringing the club's membership to 20 countries.

The club is an informal group of governments, including the United States, that collectively negotiate deals with poor countries struggling with huge debts. It was created in 1956, and has worked out loan deals for 90 countries.

It can cancel or restructure

debts when countries are at risk of default. Argentina, for example, agreed in May with the Paris Club on a plan to resolve \$9.7 billion in debts that have gone unpaid since its economic collapse in 2001-2002.

In a statement, Israeli Finance Minister Yair Lapid lauded his country's inclusion in the club, saying it "shows Israel's economic might and presents additional proof that Israel's place is alongside the strongest countries in the international arena."

Once a tiny farming nation, Israel has evolved into a high-tech economy with

numerous startups and companies in communications, software and military technology.

After a 16-year effort, Israel was accepted into the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a policy forum for the world's most developed economies, in 2010. Palestinian officials had protested, and the Paris-based OECD had expressed concern about high levels of poverty and unemployment, especially among minority Arab populations, before agreeing to Israel's membership.

Such membership can also provide a diplomatic

boost and recognition for a country's economic accomplishments.

Israel's inclusion in these bodies, and its economic advances in recent years, comes as older rich economies in western Europe have struggled. France in particular has faced two recessions in recent years and has been unable to get growth going again even as the U.S. economy has largely recovered. In part because of this, record numbers of French Jews have left France in recent years for Israel. They also cite concerns about the resurgence of the far right and extremist Islam. □



# Walgreen 3Q profit jumps but misses expectations

**TOM MURPHY**  
**AP Business Writer**

Walgreen's fiscal third quarter earnings jumped 16 percent compared with last year, aided in part by a lower income tax rate, but the drugstore chain's performance again fell short of Wall Street's expectations.

The Deerfield, Illinois, company also left investors and analysts hanging after announcing quarterly results Tuesday. Walgreen executives said they are considering their option to complete a takeover of Swiss health and beauty retailer Alliance Boots — a move that could involve an overseas reincorporation — but they won't be ready to discuss their next step until late July or early August.

For the fiscal third quarter, Walgreen said an increase in foreign income helped knock its tax rate down to 31.5 percent, compared with 38.7 percent last year. As a result, the company's income tax provision dropped \$43 million in the

quarter. The lower-than-expected tax rate contributed a benefit of at least 8 cents per share toward the company's bottom line, Cantor Fitzgerald analyst Ajay Jain said in a research note that described Walgreen's overall earnings as weak.

Walgreen Co. earned \$722 million, or 75 cents per share, in the quarter that ended May 31. That's up from \$624 million, or 65 cents per share, a year ago. Adjusted earnings excluding one-time items totaled 91 cents per share, which was two cents below average analyst expectations. The drugstore chain also fell short in its fiscal second quarter.

Walgreen's revenue climbed 6 percent to \$19.4 billion. Analysts expected \$19.44 billion in revenue, according to FactSet.

Walgreen is feeling pressure from both drugmakers who are raising prices and payers like health insurers that are reducing what they will pay for prescrip-

tions, said Vishnu Lekraj, who covers the company for Morningstar. "They're getting squeezed from

to buy the rest of the company next year. Alliance Boots runs the largest drugstore chain in the United

Walgreen's tax rate before they discuss their decision later this summer.

"We are working around



Customers walk toward an entrance to a Walgreens store location, in Boston. Walgreen Co. reported mixed quarterly earnings on Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

(AP Photo/Steven Senne)

both sides, both from the supplier and the customer," he said. Walgreen acquired an initial 45 percent stake in Alliance Boots in 2012, and it has an option

Kingdom. Company executives told analysts on Tuesday that they have to consider a host of variables like the deal's capital structure and what it could do for

the clock to try to understand all the above so that we are able to make the right decision for the company," CEO Greg Wasson said. □

# America's consumer confidence reaches a 6-year high



A shopper looks at an item in the dairy section of a Kroger grocery store in Richardson, Texas. The Conference Board released positive Consumer Confidence Index data for June on Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

**PAUL WISEMAN**  
**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. consumers are more confident about the economy than they have been in more than six years. The Conference Board's

confidence index rose to 85.2 this month from a revised 82.2 in May, the private research group said Tuesday. The June figure is the highest since January 2008, a month after the Great Recession officially

began. More Americans are optimistic about business conditions and the outlook for jobs, though fewer expect their incomes will grow over the next six months. "Still, the momentum going

forward remains quite positive," Lynn Franco, a Conference Board economist, said.

The index compiled by the Conference Board shows that confidence has been rising steadily since bottoming at 25.3 in February 2009. It's well above last year's average of 72.3. But it still hasn't returned to full health. Before the recession, the index usually topped 90.

Consumers' attitudes are closely watched because their spending accounts for about 70 percent of U.S. economic activity.

Consumers registered the most favorable assessment of current business conditions since March 2008, and their outlook for the next months rose to highest level since August 2013. The percentage saying jobs are "plentiful" was 14.7 percent, highest since May 2008.

"Americans appear to have had a bit more of a spring in their step over the

past two months," Jennifer Lee, senior economist with BMO Capital Markets, wrote in a research note.

An improving job market has brightened Americans' outlook.

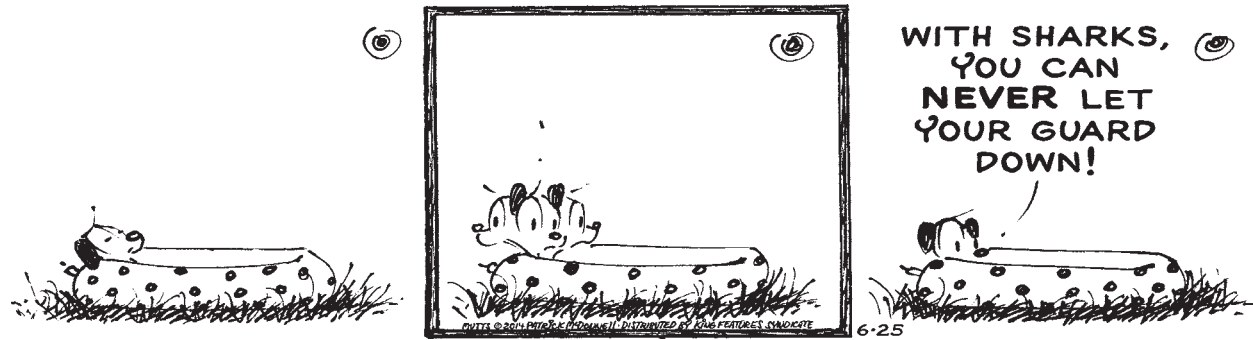
The U.S. economy generated more than 200,000 jobs in May for the fourth straight month -- the longest such streak since 1999. The unemployment rate has tumbled to 6.3 percent in May from 7.5 percent a year earlier.

Icy weather put the economy in a deep freeze the first three months of the year: From January through March, the economy contracted at a 1 percent annual rate -- a figure that might be downgraded even more when the government issues updated first-quarter numbers Wednesday.

But economists expect the economy to pick up momentum as the year wears on and to be expanding at a 3 percent annual pace in the second half of 2014. □



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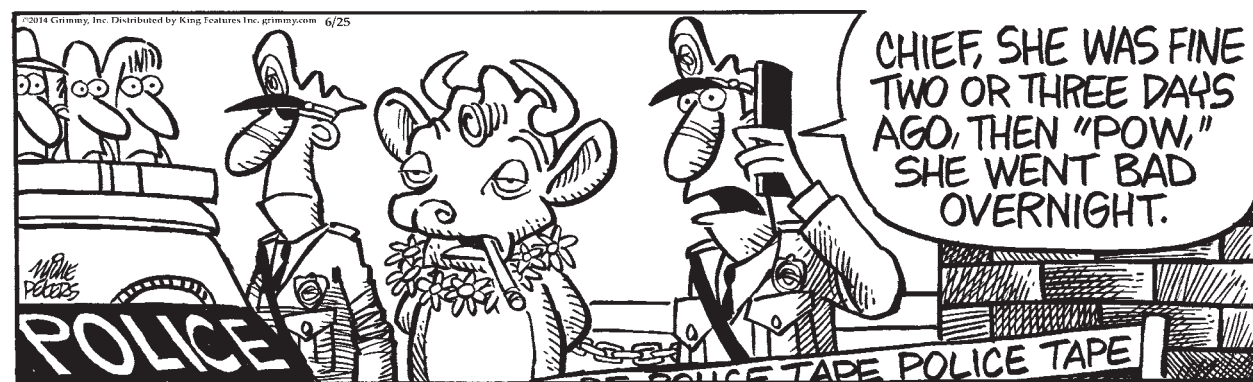
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## Zits



## Conceptis Sudoku

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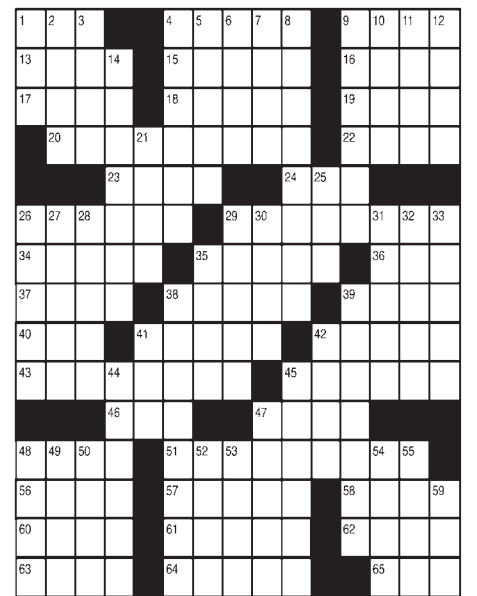
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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6	9	7	8	3	5	1	2	4
8	4	1	2	9	6	3	5	7
1	5	3	6	7	9	4	8	2
4	7	8	1	5	2	6	9	3
9	2	6	3	8	4	7	1	5
3	6	9	5	4	8	2	7	1
7	8	4	9	2	1	5	3	6
2	1	5	7	6	3	8	4	9

## ACROSS

- Lower limb
- Each \_\_; one another
- Daddy
- Sound of a pistol firing
- Tomb
- Mountain goat
- Celebrity
- \_\_ about; extols excitedly
- Greenish-blue
- Monthly mailing from the bank
- Doing nothing
- Part of a tooth
- Primate
- Bits of parsley
- Fabric
- Assumed name
- Actor Tyrone
- Mineral spring
- Prohibits
- Lubricated
- Gullible ones
- At the \_\_ of the day; ultimately
- Drive too fast
- Commandment verb
- Brave firemen, at times
- Locations
- That girl
- Reserve, as a hotel room
- Greek letter
- Adjective in a paper towel ad
- Hammer's target
- Unspoken, but understood
- Hit the \_\_; leave
- "My Country, 'Tis of \_\_"
- Jagged
- Japanese wrestling form
- Remove from power
- Talk out of
- Hair covering
- Polishes off
- Pesky insect
- Mean fairy tale woman
- Hobo
- "I \_\_ a Dream"; MLK speech
- Level; balanced
- Said again
- Compassionate person
- In the sack
- Ring out
- Wheel rod
- "Thanks, Juan!"
- Pulls hard
- \_\_ person; apiece
- Fencing sword
- Glider or 747
- Watermelon casings
- Beauty spots
- Filled with amazement
- Sir \_\_ Newton
- Classic gift for the teacher
- Goes on & on
- Wharf
- Did surgery
- Salt containers
- Take to court
- Messy person
- Alpine home
- Redcap
- Idaho's capital
- 48 5 \_\_ 10 is 2
- Hawaiian island
- Connections
- Unclothed
- Glasgow native
- Person, place or thing
- Make gentle
- \_\_-com; Web business



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OBAY	OPERA	ACRE
BLUE	THERMOSTAT	
SET	HAIL	GUSTS
	ROUND	IRA
SHANTY	AMELIA	
COLTS	GRIPS	DUD
OHIO	GOALS	CEDE
TUT	FLATS	DRAIN
MYRIAD	REALTY	
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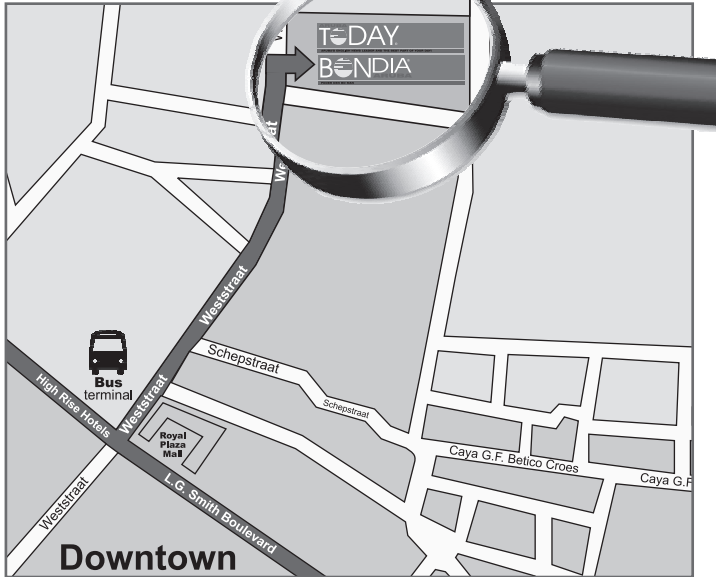
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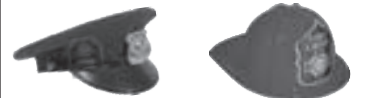
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# Explorer says Griffin shipwreck may be found

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Associated Press

TRAVERSE CITY, Michigan

(AP) — A debris field at the bottom of Lake Michigan may be the remains of the long-lost Griffin, a vessel commanded by a 17th-century French explorer, said a shipwreck hunter who has sought the wreckage for decades.

Steve Libert told The Associated Press that his crew found the debris this month about 120 feet (36 meters) from the spot where they removed a wooden slab a year ago that was protruding from the lake bottom. Libert believes that timber was the bowsprit of Rene-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle's ship, although scientists who joined the 2013 expedition say the slab more likely was an abandoned fishing net stake.

"This is definitely the Griffin — I'm 99.9 percent sure it is," Libert said. "This is the real deal."

He described the bottomland area as littered with wooden planks that could belong to a ship's bow, along with nails and pegs that would have fastened the hull to the rest of the vessel and what appeared to be sections of a mast.

He acknowledged his dive team had found no "smoking gun" such as a cannon or other artifacts with markings identifying them as belonging to the Griffin. But the nails and other implements appeared similar to those from La Belle, another of La Salle's ships that sank near the Gulf of Mexico, Libert said.



In this Saturday, June 15, 2013 file photo provided by Great Lakes Exploration Group, French underwater archaeologist Olivia Hulot makes notes while inspecting a timber jutting from the bottom of northern Lake Michigan that experts believe could be part of the long-lost ship the Griffin. Associated Press

He said his organization has sent images of the debris to three French underwater archaeologists who took part in last year's search, and that he hopes state and federal permits can be obtained to excavate in the area in September.

The French team was led by Michel L'Hour, director of the Department of Underwater Archaeological Research in the French Ministry of Culture and an authority on shipwrecks. L'Hour told the AP by email Tuesday that the latest findings were "encouraging" but that more evidence was

needed to determine the origin of the items.

"The wooden remains that have been observed could correspond to a wreck," L'Hour said.

They include treenails with wedges and square nails that have some similarity with La Belle's fas-

teners "and a few other details already observed on wrecks dated in the 17th century," he said.

But he said the artifacts that have been seen could be dated as late as the 19th century and that items such as ceramic shards are needed to

provide more certainty.

"We are always interested in participating to assess the site," L'Hour said, adding that the U.S. and France would need to approve any new involvement in the project by his team, which comprises civil officers of the French government.

Dean Anderson, Michigan's state archaeologist, said Monday he hadn't been notified of the find and could not speculate about whether the Griffin had finally been located. Anderson supports the theory that the timber discovered earlier was a fishing apparatus.

The area strewn with debris is roughly the size of a football field, said Brian Abbott of Nautilus Marine Group, who joined Libert's search this month and took sonar readings of the bottomlands. It is near tiny Poverty Island in northwestern Lake Michigan and about 50 feet below the water's surface.

The Griffin is believed to be the first ship of European design to sail the upper Great Lakes. It disappeared with a crew of six on its maiden voyage in 1679 after La Salle had disembarked near the mouth of Wisconsin's Green Bay. □

## Monarch butterflies may have magnetic compass

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AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A new

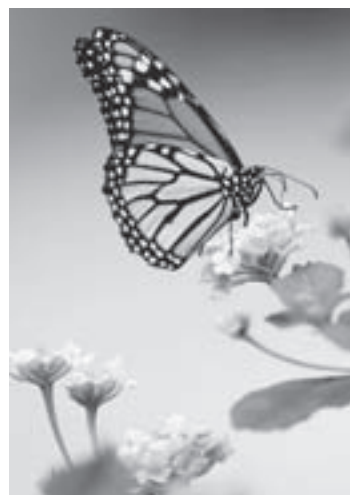
study suggests that monarch butterflies use an internal magnetic compass to help navigate on their annual migrations from North America to central Mexico.

Scientists already knew they navigate by the sun. But the insects do just fine on very cloudy days, leading to suspicions they also use a magnetic compass, like migratory birds and sea turtles. Previous stud-

ies haven't made a clear case for that, according to researchers who report the new work Tuesday in the journal Nature Communications.

The scientists tethered monarchs in a chamber without any outdoor light and showed that their flight patterns responded to changes in the magnetic field. Further work suggested the compass is in the antennae.

Millions of the black-and-orange butterflies spend the winter in Mexico. □



In this Oct. 21, 2013 file photo, a monarch butterfly lands on a confetti lantana plant in San Antonio. Associated Press

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## Actor Gary Oldman comes to Gibson and Baldwin's defense

DAVID BAUDER

AP Entertainment Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Gary Oldman is defending fellow actors Mel Gibson and Alec Baldwin from critics of their comments on Jews and homosexuals, saying people need to take a joke.

Oldman's manager, in a statement issued Tuesday as the actor's expletive-laden interview with Playboy began getting attention, said Oldman was criticizing hypocrisy and finds any kind of bigotry unacceptable and disgraceful. During his interview, Oldman decried the "political correctness" that ensnared the two actors. Gibson delivered an anti-Semitic rant in 2006 while being arrested for drunk driving, and he later apologized. Baldwin last year was accused of using an anti-gay slur in a New York City street confrontation.

Oldman said that Gibson "got drunk and said a few things, but we've all said those things. We're all (expletive) hypocrites."

He said he didn't blame Baldwin for using the slur because somebody bothered him.

"Mel Gibson is in a town that's run by Jews and he said the wrong thing because he's actually bitten the hand that I guess has fed him, and doesn't need to feed him anymore because he's got enough dough," Oldman said in the interview.

He urged the Playboy interviewer to "edit and cut half of what I've said, because it's going to make me sound like a bigot."

He said he's not a bigot, "but I'm defending all the wrong people. I'm saying Mel's all right, Alec's a good guy."

Douglas Urbanski, Oldman's longtime manager, said in an emailed statement to The Associated Press on Tuesday that Oldman was not defending his fellow actors, despite Oldman's comment in the article that he was indeed defending the actors.

"It simply cannot be read any other way, and to put



This Jan. 4, 2014 file photo shows actor Gary Oldman speaking at the Palm Springs International Film Festival Awards Gala at the Palm Springs Convention Center in Palm Springs, Calif.

Associated Press

it any other way is simply cherry picking something, stating it inaccurately, and creating news where there is none," Urbanski said.

He said Oldman was "illustrating the absurd by being absurd." Oldman stars

in the upcoming "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes," out July 11. Distributor 20th Century Fox declined to comment on Oldman's Playboy remarks.

Oldman also appears in a TV commercial for HTC mo-

bile phones, which sought to distance itself Tuesday from the actor's remarks. "Mr. Oldman's views are his own and do not reflect the views of HTC," the company said in a statement to the AP. □

## Former 'GMA' host Joan Lunden has breast cancer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Former "Good Morning America" host Joan Lunden says she has breast cancer.

She disclosed her diagnosis on Tuesday's edition of the ABC morning show, which she co-anchored from 1980 through 1997. She spoke with "GMA" host Robin Roberts, who has also been treated for breast cancer recently, as has "GMA" co-host Amy Robach.

Lunden said her treatment will include surgery and radiation. She said she's already started chemotherapy.

She said after the initial shock of the diagnosis, she resolved to learn everything she can about the illness and go into what she called "warrior mode." She said she expects to make a



This Feb. 8, 2011 photo, Joan Lunden attends Woman's Day magazine's Eight Annual Red Dress Awards in New York.

Associated Press

full recovery.

The 63-year-old Lunden is now a health and wellness advocate. She has written eight books. □

## 'American Idol' bringing back same judging panel



In this Jan. 13, 2014 file photo, judges, from left, Keith Urban, Jennifer Lopez, and Harry Connick Jr. are seen during the panel of "American Idol" at the FOX Winter 2014 TCA, at the Langham Hotel in Pasadena, Calif.

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Fox says it's bringing back the same trio of "American

Idol" judges for the show's 14th season.

The network announced

Monday that Jennifer Lopez, Keith Urban and Harry Connick Jr. will be judging singers again in 2015, and Ryan Seacrest will remain the host.

This year's "American Idol" included the show's lowest-rated finale ever, part of a continuing ratings slide for the once-dominant TV series. Fox has shaken up the judges' panel in past years to try to boost viewership but is deciding to stay the course this time.

The network is taking the show's downfall into account in scheduling, saying it will air fewer hours next season, and in many weeks there will be just one episode instead of two. □



# Dylan's 'Like a Rolling Stone' draft sells for \$2M

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A draft of one of the most popular songs of all time, Bob Dylan's "Like a Rolling Stone," sold Tuesday for \$2 million, which the auction house called a world record for a popular music manuscript.

A working draft of the finished song in Dylan's own hand went to an unidentified bidder at Sotheby's. The selling price, \$2.045 million, included a buyer's premium.

The manuscript is "the only known surviving draft of the final lyrics for this transformative rock anthem," Sotheby's said.

The draft is written in pencil on four sheets of hotel letterhead stationery with revisions, additions, notes and doodles: a hat, a bird, an animal with antlers. The stationery comes from the Roger Smith Hotel in Wash-

ington, D.C.

Dylan was 24 when he recorded the song in 1965 about a debutante who becomes a loner when she's cast from upper-class social circles.

"How does it feel To be on your own" it says in his handwriting. "No direction home Like a complete unknown Like a rolling stone." Scrawls seem to reflect the artist's experimentation with rhymes.

The name "Al Capone" is scrawled in the margin, with a line leading to the lyrics "Like a complete unknown."

Another note says: "...dry vermouth, you'll tell the truth..."

Sotheby's described the seller as a longtime fan from California "who met his hero in a non-rock context and bought directly from Dylan." He was not



In this Jan. 12, 2012 file photo, Bob Dylan performs in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

identified. The manuscript was offered as part of Sotheby's rock and pop music sale. In 2010, John Len-

non's handwritten lyrics for "A Day in the Life," the final track on the Beatles' classic 1967 album "Sgt. Pep-

per's Lonely Hearts Club Band," sold for \$1.2 million, the record for such a sale. □

# Daytime Emmys red-carpet banter turns dark

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**AP Television Writer**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — When four social media divas were handed red-carpet and backstage interviewing duties for the Daytime Emmys, the result was anything but Hollywood magic. The women who hosted the Emmy pre-show Sunday appeared largely ignorant about the actors and series that were being honored, instead unleashing attempts at bawdy humor that made sport of topics including rape and an actor's race.

Their efforts made the usual red-carpet banter look scholarly by contrast.

The aftermath included harsh criticism for hosts Brittany Furlan, Lauren Elizabeth, Jessica Harlow and Meghan Rosette, who were described by Emmy organizers before the ceremony as "well-respected social media gurus" with big followings.

The show's producer and the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences likely saw them as a chance to put a more youthful face on Emmys that were streamed, not televised, when they failed to find a network or cable home in the face of dwindling interest.

Instead, as one website devoted to daytime serials said in a headline, the hosts created a "Red Carpet Train Wreck."



This photo released by ABC shows Ryan Paevey as Nathan, center, Zachary Garred as Levi, right, and Kirsten Storms as Maxie, in a scene from ABC Daytime's "General Hospital," which airs Monday-Friday (2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., ET) on the ABC Television Network.

Associated Press

They "know nothing about daytime television, came unprepared to the red carpet, conducted themselves in a very unprofessional manner, spewed profanity, a rape joke and a racist remark," said soaps.com.

Here Media, the show's producer, didn't respond Monday

to requests for comment from the company and from the four hosts it featured. NATAS officials were en route back to New York from the Beverly Hills ceremony and not immediately available for comment, a spokesman said. "General Hospital" star Ryan Paevey, making his first red car-

pet appearance, said Monday that he had expected to encounter questions about daytime TV and good wishes for the evening. Instead, he got misfired humor from Furlan and Elizabeth that ended with Furlan saying, "We're going to get you away from us before we rape you." Such remarks "kind of derailed the spirit of the evening," Paevey said.

But the actor, while condemning any joke about sexual assault as unacceptable, said he was taken aback by angry "crusades" against Furlan on social media and even by the amount of sympathy he was getting.

If an apology is due, Paevey said, it is a general one for the hosts' red-carpet and backstage behavior, especially the comments made to "Bold and the Beautiful" star Lawrence Saint-Victor.

The African-American actor was asked, "What's it like to be a black man on a soap opera these days?" and called "a beautiful chocolate man."

While such comments remained outside the ceremony ballroom, the unfettered effects of being away from TV showed inside as well. Some, including presenter Sharon Osbourne, let expletives fly on stage, and there were winners who rambled on without pressure from a network clock. □



# The Big Green Test



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On Sunday Henry Paulson, the former Treasury secretary and a lifelong Republican, had an op-ed article about climate policy in The New York Times. In the article, he declared that man-made climate change is "the challenge of our time," and called for a national tax on carbon emissions to encourage conservation and the adoption of green technologies. Considering the prevalence of climate denial within today's GOP, and the absolute opposition to any kind of tax increase, this was a brave stand to take.

But not nearly brave enough. Emissions taxes are the Economics 101 solution to pollution problems; every economist I know would start cheering wildly if Congress voted in a clean, across-the-board carbon tax. But that isn't going to happen in the foreseeable future. A carbon tax may be the best thing we could do, but we won't actually do it.

Yet there are a number of second-best things (in the technical sense, as I'll explain shortly) that we're either doing or might do soon. And the question for Paulson and other conservatives who consider themselves environmentalists is whether they're willing to accept second-best answers, and in particular whether they're willing to accept second-best answers implemented by the other party. If they aren't, their supposed environmentalism is an empty gesture. Let me give some examples of what I'm talking about.

First, consider rules like fuel efficiency standards, or "net metering" mandates requiring that utilities buy back the electricity generated by homeowners' solar panels. Any economics student can tell you that such rules are inefficient compared with the clean incentives provided by an emissions tax. But we don't have an emissions tax, and fuel efficiency rules and net metering reduce greenhouse gas emissions. So a question for conservative environmentalists: Do you support the continuation of such mandates, or are you with the business groups (spearheaded by the Koch brothers) campaigning to eliminate them and impose fees on home solar installations?

Second, consider government support for clean energy via

subsidies and loan guarantees. Again, if we had an appropriately high emissions tax such support might not be necessary (there would be a case for investment promotion even then, but never mind). But we don't have such a tax. So the question is, Are you OK with things like loan guarantees for solar plants, even though we know that some loans will go bad, Solyndra-style?

Finally, what about the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal that it use its regulatory authority to impose large reductions in emissions from power plants? The agency is eager to pursue market-friendly solutions to the extent it can - basically by imposing emissions limits on states, while encouraging states or groups of states to create cap-and-trade systems that effectively put a price on carbon. But this will nonetheless be a partial approach that addresses only one source of greenhouse gas emissions. Are you willing to support this partial approach? By the way: Readers well versed in economics will recognize that I'm talking about what is technically known as the "theory of the second best." According to this theory, distortions in one market - in this case, the fact that there are large social costs to carbon emissions, but individuals and firms don't pay a price for emitting carbon - can justify government intervention in other, related markets. Second-best arguments have a dubious reputation in economics, because the right policy is always to eliminate the primary distortion, if you can. But sometimes you can't, and this is one of those times.

Which brings me back to Paulson. In his op-ed he likens the climate crisis to the financial crisis he helped confront in 2008. Unfortunately, it's not a very good analogy: In the financial crisis he could credibly argue that disaster was only days away, while the climate catastrophe will unfold over many decades. So let me suggest a different analogy, one that he probably won't like. In policy terms, climate action - if it happens at all - will probably look like health reform. That is, it will be an awkward compromise dictated in part by the need to appease special interests, not the clean, simple solution you would have implemented if you could have started from scratch. It will be the subject of intense partisanship, relying overwhelmingly on support from just one party, and will be the subject of constant, hysterical attacks. And it will, if we're lucky, nonetheless do the job. Did I mention that health reform is clearly working, despite its flaws? The question for Paulson and those of similar views is whether they're willing to go along with that kind of imperfection. If they are, welcome aboard. □



## Immigration Reform's Open Invitation



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For years now, one side of the immigration debate - the side of billionaires, professional bipartisans, and all the great and good - has argued that an amnesty of some kind for illegal immigrants isn't just a sensible policy choice but a crushingly obvious one: self-evidently wise, morally far-seeing and a win for almost everyone, from corporations to labor unions to Republican politicians to the immigrants themselves.

Nested inside that debate has been a smaller one, over the Dream Act, a measure opening a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants who arrived as minors. If comprehensive reform has been cast as a no-brainer, the Dream Act has been portrayed as a test of basic moral fitness: To oppose welcoming these young men and women is to oppose all that's decent, humanitarian and just.

Now we're getting a lesson in why reality is never quite so black and white. Over the last two years, a crisis has developed on our Southern border: a children's migration of increasing scale, in which thousands of unaccompanied minors from Central America have made the dangerous journey to the U.S.-Mexico border, many apparently motivated by the belief that some sort of legal status awaits them. The numbers are striking, and so is the timing. Before the current surge, the Border Patrol was apprehending about 20,000 unaccompanied children trying to cross the border every year. That number doubled across 2012 and 2013, as

President Barack Obama was halting deportations of illegal immigrants who had arrived as minors, and it is projected to more than triple in the current fiscal year.

Our system is ill equipped to handle the influx. The Border Patrol is neglecting other law enforcement duties, and the bureaucracy and courts are struggling to care for the children and process their cases. The young migrants are not, obviously, deeply familiar with the ins and outs of U.S. politics; they're following rumors spread by smugglers, for the most part. But the rumors exist for a reason: They're fueled by a sense that "if you want to get into the U.S., now is the time," a scholar of Latin America told The Washington Post. And the Obama White House has conceded that a "misperception of U.S. immigration policy" is playing a role - one significant enough to dispatch Vice President Joe Biden to Central America to clarify that we are not actually opening our borders to any minor who reaches them.

Yes, the young migrants are not simply deceived. True, they are not currently eligible for Obama's deportation halt, which is confined to children who arrived before June 2007. But their overwhelming numbers, and the fact that they come from so far away, will make the White House's plans for stepped-up deportation difficult to swiftly carry out. Many of them have been menaced by gang violence in their home countries, which allows them to apply for asylum and hope to eventually win it. Others have already been released with only a court summons, and may simply decide to remain and try to stay out of law enforcement's way.

And if they do, they will have a good chance of eventually receiving the amnesty that smugglers have promised them. If an immigration reform eventually passes under a President Hillary Clinton,

today's young border-crossers will no longer be new arrivals: They'll have been here for several years, they'll be sympathetic figures embedded in communities, and there will be strong, understandable pressure to allow them onto any path to citizenship.

And even if they aren't deemed eligible - well, they can look at America's political landscape and reasonably assume that if they remain in the shadows, eventually another push to regularize their status will come along.

Their journey northward, then, is a case study in how the mere promise of an amnesty can - through entirely rational incentives - worsen some of the humanitarian problems that reformers claim they want to solve. And it raises the question of how, exactly, supporters of amnesty would resolve this kind of problem.

One answer, consistent and sincere, is that the child migration really shows we need an open border - one that does away with the problems of asylum hearings and deportations, eliminates the need for dangerous journeys across deserts and mountains, and just lets the kids' relatives save up for a plane ticket. Come one, come all.

But this is not the answer that Obama or the congressional architects of an immigration bill would offer. Instead, the official promise is always that we'll get amnesty and a system of enforcement that will deter and deport and police employers more effectively - so that major crises don't recur, future migration happens mostly through legal channels, and this comprehensive reform can be the last.

But if this is actually the goal, then why not first prove that a more effective enforcement system can actually be built, and only then codify an offer of legal status? Because when that offer seems to be forthcoming, if you haven't built it, they will come. □



# Holidays, lost business in Brazil World Cup's lazy days

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**Associated Press**

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — Lucky students in Chile went home early, many Brazilian offices and stores went dark, and across the megalopolis of Mexico City traffic was as calm as midnight. With three Latin American countries playing for their World Cup fu-

soccer fans to move about with greater ease.

Last week, there were only two regular work days in Rio, a city of 12 million people. This week will be much the same.

On Monday, before Brazil defeated Cameroon 4-1 in Brasilia, Catia Santiago was soaking up the sunshine on the golden sands

resenting the goods, services and tourism sectors, warned that those businesses may lose up to \$13.5 billion due to lost productivity and the need to pay double salaries to people who work government-declared holidays.

However, Brazil's Tourism Ministry has said the World Cup itself will inject that

ble to get anything done." Mexico City started to resemble a ghost town by midday Monday as locals geared up for the afternoon game between Mexico and Croatia in the northeastern Brazilian city of Recife, which Mexico won 3-1.

During the national team's matches, "one can cross

universities suspended classes ahead of the national team's match with the Netherlands in Sao Paulo, while thousands of people congregated on a central square fitted with a giant screen to follow the game. Chile lost 2-0, but still advanced to the tournament's second round.

Schools in Brazil also pushed winter break forward to coincide with the World Cup, as the drop-off and pick-up of school children is a major source of traffic jams.

While students may be rejoicing, a recent column on the website of *Veja*, a right-leaning newsmagazine, called such school and business holidays a "confession of incompetence" — evidence that authorities' failure to build adequate infrastructure forced them to concoct a fix to Brazil's traffic woes.

"The government has seven years to prepare for the event — seven years! Of course they weren't capable," the column by Rodrigo Constantino said. "And now they adopt a typically Brazilian solution, which is jerry-rigging and cobbling together a way out.

"This is definitely not a serious country," he concluded.

Honduras' president also has been criticized for making an extended visit to Brazil, where his country's national team is playing in the World Cup for only the third time.

President Juan Orlando Hernandez skipped talks in Guatemala with U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, sending his chief of staff to discuss a rise in unaccompanied children crossing into the United States while he attended Honduras' debut match against Ecuador.

The Central American country lost the game 2-1, and the U.S. ambassador to Honduras, Lisa Kubiske, remarked, "You have a very important soccer game in Brazil, no one can deny it, but the country has priorities that need the one in command to be present." □



**A spectator holds a Brazilian flag during the group D World Cup soccer match between Costa Rica and England at the Mineirao Stadium in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.**

tures Monday, fans across the region succumbed to soccer fever, slowing regular business to a crawl. Brazilians, who already are used to generous time off for Carnival celebrations and Catholic observances, have enjoyed even more holidays during the month-long soccer tournament. When Brazil's national team plays, many workplaces across the country shut down. In host cities such as Rio de Janeiro, the government declared half- or full-day holidays on game days to clear the streets of commuters and enable

of Copacabana beach rather than head to work to sell hair products.

"I'm going to take a hit financially," Santiago said. "I'll probably earn about 30 to 50 percent less, but I will have had 200 percent more fun than usual."

Indeed, critics contend all of the time off is bad for business.

Financial newspapers have reported the volume of trade on Sao Paulo's Bovespa stock exchange began to slow even before the June 12-July 13 tournament. Fecomercio, a Sao Paulo-based group rep-

much money into the nation's economy, offsetting any such losses.

Katia Andrade, a saleswoman for a Rio online data storage company, complained that the extra time off was putting her way behind on her yearly revenue target.

"The World Cup is literally costing me money," Andrade said. "Since the beginning of the year, projects have been lagging behind, with everybody putting things off until after the Cup. And now, with almost every day a public holiday, it's totally impossi-

**(AP Photo/Martin Meissner)**

Mexico City as if it were the middle of the night, stopping only at a few stoplights," taxi driver Alejandro Ramirez said, adding that traffic Monday morning already was about 20 percent lighter than a regular day.

After the game, thousands of fans wearing the national team's green jersey and waving Mexican flags jammed the traffic circle around the Angel of Independence statue on the capital's main avenue, disrupting traffic in the business zone.

In Chile, some schools and